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COLLECTIONS TAKE SLUMP

ARE LOWER FOR DECEMBER PAST THAN YEAR AGO.

BIGGER CITY BALANCE

City Water Department Fund Continues to Increase—Payment 2nd Water Bond Coming Due.

City tax collections for December, 1924, fell below the collections for the same month in the two previous years. This may be accounted for because the total tax levied for 1924 was lower than for 1922 and 1923. Last month $24,623.56 was collected by the city, according to the city collector's report at the council meeting last night. During December, 1923, the peak was reached for the three years mentioned, as collections totaled $32,651.72, and in 1922 the collections were $27,201.67.

However, the Mayor's report for December shows that the city had a larger balance on hand on January 1, 1925 out of which to pay the December bills, than was on hand at this time a year ago, and is much larger than was on hand December 1, 1924, out of which the November bills were paid.

In Mayor W. O. Garrett's report of the city's financial status to the city council last night he showed a balance of $72,794.20 on hand, out of which the bills for December will be paid. At the same time last year there was a balance in the city funds amounting to $55,349.80, while on December 1, 1924, the city's balance was only $48,134.87. The big influx for the December receipts can be accounted for to the taxes which have been paid during December.

Another noticeable feature of the Mayor's report is the fact that the city water department fund is steadily mounting. There was a balance on hand last night in the city water department funds of $23,189.29. The month previous it was $21,848, which at that time was the highest point it had ever reached. A year ago Mayor Garrett reported to the council in his December's report a balance of $11,336.93 in the water fund.

The city collector's report for December shows that of the $24,623.56 that was collected during the past month, it is divided into the following funds:

General tax, $12,105.65; street lighting, $1,615.42; library tax, $2,019.13; first water bond principal, $4,036.14; first water bond interest, $808.96; second water bond principal, $2,019.13; second water bond interest, $2,019.13.

Mr. Garrett's report to the city council of the city funds is as follows:

Water department, $23,189.29; $10,000 of this is on time deposits; street fund, $740.06; library, $4,274.55; general fund, $19,167.41; first water bond principal, $9,251; street workers guarantee fund, $251; first water bond interest, $4,070.30; street lighting, $6,973.23; second water bond principal, $2,633.26; second water bond interest, $2,219.13; petty cash, $24.97; making a total of $72,794.20.

Out of the first water bond principal fund a payment of $6,000 bonds will be paid by the city which came due December 15. There remains about $48,000 yet to be paid off by the city in this series for bonds floated when the city water plant was improved several years ago.

The second water bond payment will come due on February 15, Mayor Garrett said this morning. This payment will be $2,500 which will come out of the second water bond principal fund which now has a balance, according to the report made last night, of $2,633.26.

The report of the City Public Library for the month of December was read last night at the council meeting, prepared by the librarian, Miss Grace Langan. It is:

Loan department: juvenile, 490; general, 1,294; magazines, 101; a total of 1,885, or an average a day of 75. There were twenty-one readers' cards issued, 1,525 readers used the reading rooms during the month, an average of fifty-one a day. Collections totaled $21.71.

Claude Stultz reported collections of $24.17 from the city scales. The police judge report of Mayor W. O. Garrett included two cases in police court, one for intoxication and the other for possession and transportation of intoxicating liquor. Fines were assessed at $120 and costs totaled $11.30. Of the fines imposed $55 was collected and all the costs were paid.

Phares to Confer with G. O. P. Solons

W. F. Phares, chairman of the Republican State Committee, will leave Saturday night for Jefferson City to attend a meeting of the Republican representatives-elect to be held Monday night in the house lounge room. Mr. Phares called this meeting for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the house. The house of representatives is Republican by six.

Mr. Phares will remain in Jefferson City for the convening of the legislature at noon, Wednesday, January 7. He expects to return home next Thursday and will again go to Jefferson City to attend the inauguration of Samuel A. Baker as governor, on Monday, Jan. 12.

AUTO PLATES ISSUED HERE

C. OF C. TO HANDLE BUSINESS FOR 1925

AVAILABLE ON FEB. 1

$10,000 Bond Required For Manager of Office—Directors to Make Necessary Arrangements Soon

Automobile license plates for 1925 will be handled by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, according to a letter received today by William F. Phares from Charles U. Becker, secretary of state. Mr. Becker writes it will be necessary for the Chamber of Commerce to decide immediately who is to handle the office so as a bond for $10,000 can be given. The state pays the premium on the bond.

In his letter to Mr. Phares, Mr. Becker says:

"You understand that the legislature makes no appropriation for clerical hire or office rent."

A blank bond to be filled out accompanied the letter and a request was made to return it at once as they desire to begin shipping plates from St. Louis to the different collection points.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet soon to make arrangements to handle this business. The license plates will be sold at the club offices and sufficient plates will be secured to take care of all auto owners in Northwest Missouri.

Last year the license plates were sold by the branch office here of the Missouri Automobile club. This office was discontinued a few months ago.

The 1925 license plates will be ready for distribution here February 1.

Unremitting Gales Continue Over England

Have Made Holiday Season One of Terror—Danger in Flooded Areas Increased by Rain

London, Jan. 2—Unremitting gales and winds which have made the holidays a season of terror for coast towns and riverside points continued today with a ninety-mile gale sweeping England. A steady twelve-hour rain has increased the flooded areas over England. Air services cancelled schedules and cross-channel boats were unable to sail.

Raupp Is Endorsed for National Office

All National Guard Officers Stationed In Maryville Send Letters To Senators and Congressman.

Brig.-Gen. William A. Raupp, commanding the national guard of Missouri, has been endorsed for the position as Chief of the Military Bureau at Washington, D. C., by all the national guard officers stationed in Maryville.

Letters of commendation of the services of General Raupp to the National Guard of Missouri have been sent by the local officers to Senators James A. Reed and Seldon P. Spencer as well as to Congressman Charles L. Faust of the fourth Missouri district.

Appointed Curator

Mrs. Blanche E. Cline was appointed as curator of the estate of her son, Russell A. Cline, by Judge Jesse F. Robertson, of the Probate Court, yesterday.

Miss Treva Phipps went to St. Joseph this morning to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Paris Phipps, for a few days.

AUTO OWNERS PAY $24,600

THIS IS ESTIMATE BY LOCAL DEALERS.

$40 DAILY GAS TAX

Is Based On Sale of 2,000 Gallons Daily—Increase In Licenses To Yield About $10,000.

Automobile owners in Maryville and vicinity will pay in to the state highway department approximately $14,600 in taxes on gasoline purchased during 1925, it was estimated today by local dealers.

In addition they will pay in approximately $10,000 to the state highway department for the increase of 50 per cent in license fees effective February 1.

This makes an estimated total of $24,600 which the highway department will receive from automobile owners in Maryville and vicinity under the provisions of Proposal No. 5, which was adopted at the November election.

The figures for Nodaway County could not be estimated due to the large number of dealers in the various towns and the indefinite number of automobiles outside of Maryville.

The estimate of the amount of gasoline tax is based upon the assumption that there are 2,000 gallons of gasoline sold daily in Maryville. This is considered a fair estimate by the local dealers and it is thought that this is a good average for the year.

Summer, of course, is the heavy season for filling stations and other gasoline dealers. Some days there may be 5,000 or 6,000 gallons of gasoline sold. Autumn is considered the next best season of the year. The spring months rank third and winter is the lightest season of all. Averaging up all the seasons, however, it is thought that 2,000 gallons daily is a fair average.

The 2-cent tax is applicable to every purchaser of gasoline, regardless of whether or not it is to be used in automobiles or trucks. However, tailors and others exempt will receive refunds from the state department if they file their claims within ninety days after the purchase.

All filling station operators and other gasoline dealers must make reports to the state department every month and account for every gallon of gasoline sold and make payment of the tax collected from the consumers.

The 2-cent tax went into effect yesterday and the increased automobile license fees will become effective February 1 when the owner secures his 1925 plate.

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 2—Gasoline filling stations were virtually swamped today and extra attendants had to be added to accommodate the "gasoline bootleggers" who were driving across the line to escape the 2-cent gasoline tax which went into effect in Missouri yesterday.

Declares Man Can't Kidnap His Own Wife

Clay County Judge Makes Ruling Today In Divorce Case of Excelsior Springs Theater Man.

Excelsior Springs, Jan. 2.—Holding that a man cannot kidnap his own wife, Justice Charles Chinn this morning continued the hearing of Oscar Olson, motion picture theater man, charged with having kidnapped his divorced wife from the home of her step-father, Charles Berry, early in December.

The continuance came when Judge Ralph Hughes of the county court at Liberty this morning set February 2 as the date for the hearing on Olson's petition to set aside the divorce on the grounds that it was obtained through coercion and fraud on the part of Berry.

Judge Hughes informed attorneys for the state and defense that if he ruled aside the divorce, Mrs. Olson was still Olson's wife and it would automatically end the kidnapping case. Olson's petition is the forerunner of steps against Berry, attorneys said.

Mrs. Wilbur Ghormley of Kansas City returned home yesterday after a several weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hepburn of Hopkins, and her sisters, Mrs. D. E. Hotchkin and Mrs. George Fred Davis, of Maryville.

Watch Out Mr. Rabbit, You are in Danger Now

With the passing, temporarily at least, of the golf season which tends to decrease one's ability to tell the truth at all times, comes the snowfall which brings out the rabbit hunters in full force. This matter of capturing the elusive little cottontail has also its disadvantages in the aftermath of relating the exact number captured.

The members of the Men's Bible Class of the First Christian Church will hold their annual rabbit hunt next Thursday, and even these men sometimes mishandle the truth when it comes to stating exactly the number of rabbits they killed.

Albert Mercer and Will Trullinger are the captains of the two teams which will participate in the hunt next Thursday and every member of this Bible class is not only invited but urged to take part in the hunt, providing he can make a good account of himself afterward.

Following the hunt next Thursday, a big rabbit supper will be served at the church next Friday night and the annual business meeting of the class will be held at that time.

FRANCE MAKES NEW PROPOSAL

PROVIDES NINETY-YEAR TERM OF PAYMENT.

BRITAIN SPEAKS UP

Makes "Informal Suggestion" That Paris Government Have Some Reparations Understanding With England.

Paris, Jan. 2.—France "considers itself on the threshhold of conversation with America on the subject of the Franco-American debt."

The foreign office in making this statement today added that while the note of the Finance Minister Clementel to the United States is not binding and is only semi-official, it serves as a point of departure of negotiations.

Clementel suggests a ten-year period of moratorium, after which payments would cover a period of ninety years with interest at one-half of 1 per cent. All payments would be completed at the end of the ninety years.

The full text of the note will be made public, it is said, following a conference in Paris next week between Climental and Winston Churchill, British Chancellor.

London, Jan. 2.—Great Britain has made an "informal suggestion" to the United States government that when France begins making payments on its debt to the United States "it shall make equal and simultaneous payments to England."

This information was learned in unofficial quarters today. The British "suggestion" is said to make no mention of the question of moratorium for France, or a lower interest rate than England is paying America.

McClintock Probe Is at An Official End

Report Declares Nothing Abnormal Is Found in Examination of Vital Organs of Millionaire Orphan.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The McClintock death probe went into official collapse today with the formal announcement of Coroner Oscar Wolff that "nothing abnormal had been found within the examination of the vital organs of William McClintock." The statement was made after an examination of the report of Dr. McNally, coroner's chemist, who conducted the examination of McClintock's exhumed body.

Fite Pleads Guilty; Fine of $5 Is Imposed

Merle Fite, who gave bond in police court in sum of $300 on charge of disturbing peace and his trial set for next Tuesday, appeared before Mayor W. O. Garrett today and pleaded guilty to the charge. Mayor Garrett imposed a fine of $5 and costs of $6.

Mrs. Leo Sturm went to Fillmore today to assist in caring for her nephew, Leroy Collins, who is ill of pneumonia.

PUBLISHERS IN RATE VICTORY

ADMINISTRATION SUFFERS DEFEAT IN POSTAL BILL.

ADOPT NEW SCHEDULE

Result of Storm of Opposition Against Measure Which Would Have Greatly Increased 2nd Class Rates.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Newspaper publishers won a sweeping victory today when the Senate postoffice committee adopted a new postal rate schedule, sharply reducing the administration's recommendations for increases on second class mail. The new rate bill will be reported to the Senate late this afternoon.

It was drafted as a compromise to meet the storm of opposition raised against the new schedules proposed by the postoffice department which would make the publishers bear the burden of the salary increase.

The new rates would become effective April 15 and would terminate automatically February 15, 1926. In the meantime, Congress would authorize a joint committee to study the rate situation and recommend a new permanent postal schedule.

The committee schedule would levy slight increases on some kinds of second class mail, reducing other existing second class rates and levying increases on both third and fourth class mail as well as special services such as special delivery and postal insurance.

On second class mail, the increase would apply only to the advertising portion of the publication and only then in the first and second zones. In the third, fourth and fifth zones, existing rates would be continued, while decreases would be effected in the sixth, seventh and eighth zones.

These reductions of present rates were agreed upon, it was said, in the hope of getting large magazine publishers to resume distant mail deliveries which of recent years have gone to private express companies.

The publishers also won a sweeping victory in the use of new second rates applying to the reading portion of the publications. In this class, the committee eliminated all preferential rates and prescribed a flat rate of 1 1-4 cents a pound for all publications. This was a reduction of one-fourth cent a pound for all publications conducted for profit, the rate having previously applied only to religious publications.

The department had recommended an increase of 2 cents a pound.

Washington, Jan. 2.—A temporary increase in postal rates, effective for a single year, appeared today as a compromise solution to the administration's problem of financing the sixty-eight-million-dollar wage advance to postal employes.

Under the plan, administration leaders would materially amend the postoffice-department rate schedule in the Sterling bill, which would place the burden of payment upon American newspapers and magazines. The compromise would sharply reduce the department's recommendations for increases on second-class matter which apply to newspapers and other publications.

This action was virtually decided upon by administration leaders because of the great opposition leveled at the department's schedule by publishers and other large users of mail. This condemnation convinced administration leaders that the Sterling rates would never be enacted into law.

National Capital Is Under Snow Blanket

Eight Inches Fall In Washington Early This Morning—Is Heaviest Since Knickerbocker Theater Disaster.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The heaviest snow since that which caused the famous Knickerbocker theater collapse disaster three years ago blanketed the national capitol today, forcing virtual suspension of street car traffic and generally tieing up the city. Early this morning eight inches of snow had fallen and a stiff wind had piled up huge drifts in the outlying sections.

Miss Remus Leaves Sunday.

Miss Margaret Remus, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Remus, will leave Sunday morning to resume her studies at the University of Missouri.

"Lost" Convict Is Found in Chicago

Escapes From Penitentiary at Jefferson City Last July by Crawling Out Through Sewer Pipe.

Jefferson City, Jan. 2.—Walter Holub, 19, who puzzled prison officials here when he dropped out of sight in the prison yard last July, has been captured in Chicago, according to word received here from Chicago today. Officers later discovered that Holub made an entrance to a sewer where convicts were doing some work and had simply walked to liberty almost in full view of guards and convicts. Holub had to crawl eight hundred feet to liberty. It was thought he had been caught in the sewer and for days the pipes were tapped in an effort to discover the body.

DECEMBER IS COLD MONTH

TEMPERATURE 9.2 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL.

VARIATION IS GREAT

Highest Is 54 Above and Lowest Is 20 Below—Mean for Month Just Closing Is 21.1.

Moderate temperatures prevailed during the first half of December, but the latter half of the month was extremely cold with below zero readings on eight mornings, the minimum temperature being twenty below on the 28th, according to the monthly report of J. R. Brink, official weather observer.

The mean temperature for the month was 21.1, which is 9.2 degrees below normal. The warmest December on record was in 1896, when the temperature averaged thirty-four degrees above zero. The coldest on record was in 1909, when the temperature averaged 16.2 degrees.

The highest temperature during the month just closing was 54 on December 12 and 15. The highest single-day December temperature on record is 69 on December 13, 1906. The lowest single-day December temperature on record was twenty-one below on December 10, 1919.

The precipitation during the month just closing amounted to 2.72 inches with 6 inches of snowfall. The greatest snowfall on record was eighteen inches in 1911.

There were twelve clear days, four partly cloudy and fifteen cloudy during the month, Mr. Brink's records show.

Elks to Give Show Here January 21-22

Musical Comedy "Kathleen" to be Staged at Empire—Cast to be Announced Soon

The Maryville Elks Club has made arrangements with the John B. Rogers Producing Co. of Fostoria, Ohio, who make a specialty of staging amateur productions, to stage their well known musical comedy, "Kathleen," at the Empire Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday January 21 and 22.

The Elks Club under whose auspices this play will be given is busily engaged organizing committees, securing talent and getting everything in shape for the beginning of rehearsals, which will be announced at a later date.

This should be one of the big events of the year in amateur theatricals owing to the fact that "Kathleen" is not only full of tuneful music but contains a plot that is very consistent and holds the attention of the audience from the beginning of the opening chorus to the final curtain. The music for "Kathleen" was written by Clayton Hotchkiss, who is now head of the music department of Harvard University, and who is very prominent in musical circles of the East, while the book and lyrics were written by Luther A. Yantis, who is well known to many theatre goers as he not only has had several years of experiences on the professional stage, but has written some very funny comedies and one-act plays which have been staged by several companies throughout the United States.

Announce Birth of Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Pope of Marshfield, Ore., announce the birth of a son Tuesday, December 23. Mr. Pope is a brother of Misses Hazel and Goldya Pope of Maryville.

REV. FLEMING IS NOT COMING

BAPTIST CHURCH IS STILL WITHOUT PASTOR.

MEETING NEXT WEEK

Pulpit Committee Is Endeavoring To Find Minister for Local Church —Has Man In Mind Now.

The Rev. O. D. Fleming of Sweetwater, Tenn., who was unanimously elected pastor of the First Baptist Church here by the congregation several weeks ago, will be unable to accept the call to the Maryville church, according to an announcement today.

The Baptist Church at Sweetwater, Tenn., is very elated with the Reverend Mr. Fleming and his work there and the official board felt like it could not accept his resignation. The congregation also insisted that he remain in Sweetwater and due to these reasons he is unable to accept the pastorate here.

The pulpit committee of the Baptist Church here is endeavoring to secure a minister and already has one in view. He will probably be here next week, but at the present time is confined to his home with illness.

He is pastor of a Baptist Church in North Missouri and has made a great success in his present location.

Further announcements will be made within the next few days.

Finish Wiring at the County Farm Yesterday

The electric wiring of the buildings at the county farm was completed yesterday afternoon by E. L. Padgette and two assistants.

All told drops and fixtures were installed for 104 electric bulbs. Thirty-three switches were installed, among which were four master switches and eight sets of three-way switches.

The house, barn, hen house, and garage were wired and a light placed on a pole in the yard.

Three men have been working fifteen days on the job.

To Chillicothe Business College.

Miss Anna Parle will leave tomorrow for Chillicothe, where she will enter the Chillicothe Business College for a two months' course. Her position in the office of the Walton Trust Company will be filled by Mrs. S. M. Stanley during her absence.

Guests at Cooper Home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Allen of Kansas City and their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen of Columbia, S. C., are visiting in Maryville today with Mrs. Thomas Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Sr., They have been visiting another daughter, Mrs. Marion Minter, and family, in Burlington Junction.

Miss Lynch to Rochester, Minn.

Miss Nelle Lynch, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. K. C. Cummins, and Dr. Cummins, left this afternoon for Rochester, Minn., to undergo treatment at the Mayo clinic. Miss Lynch was taken to St. oJseph in the Cummins-Wray ambulance.

J. F. Montgomery Down Town.

J. F. Montgomery made his first trip down town today since his recent serious illness. He is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hulet returned Monday night from Oklahoma City, Okla., where they spent the holidays with their daughters, Misses Dale, Wave and Arlie Hulet.

Mr and Mrs. P. M. Gallagher and children of Houston, Texas, will return to Maryville this evening from Stanberry where they have been visiting Mr. Gallagher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gallagher, and his sister, Mrs. Andy Thompson.

Warranty Deed.

The following warranty deed was filed for record today:

Mollie Cox to Clyde Long and Paul Royston, lot 5, block 2, Linville's addition to Graham, for $2,000 consideration.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; not so cold tonight in the extreme west portion, rising temperature Saturday.

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By Mail, within the State of Missouri, per year	$3.50
By Mail, outside the State of Missouri, per year	$4.00

LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NODAWAY COUNTY.

WHERE THE LAW BREAKS DOWN

Charles Ribaste was convicted of taking part in the robbery of a Kansas City bank messenger two years ago and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. The chief evidence against him was the discovery in his safe deposit box of 197 new $5 bills that were part of the loot. The box was searched by federal narcotic agents at the request of Kansas City police. A federal narcotic search warrant was used.

The conviction has just been set aside by the supreme court of Missouri and the case has been remanded for a new trial. This action is not because there was any doubt of Rebastic's guilt. It is on the ground that the trial court erred in admitting as evidence the stolen money, because the loot had been discovered by the use of an illegal search warrant. The court held the police should have applied for a state search warrant, and that a narcotic search warrant should not have been used.

Kansas City is suffering from a crime wave that has made life and property unsafe. The city has been so wrought up that a mass meeting of leading civic organizations was held a few days ago to consider what safety measures could be taken. One of the chief points made by the speakers was that the processes of the courts were so slow and uncertain that the judicial system had broken down as a protection to the community against crime.

Here is a conspicious illustration. The law and practice in this state are such that a robber caught with the loot and duly convicted is saved from punishment, for the time at least, through a technical point as to how the evidence was obtained! The decision recalls the famous case in which a conviction was set aside by the supreme court of Missouri because the indictment said the crime was committed "against the peace and dignity of state" instead of "against the peace and dignity of the state."

The people of Missouri look to the legislature for such changes in the judicial system as shall make that system a protection to society, not a refuge for criminals. They look for such changes as shall permit the conviction of criminals to stand unless there is substantial reason to believe injustice has been done. They look for such changes as shall make a case at law a proceeding for the doing of justice, not a contest between lawyers as to which side shall score a decision on technical points.—Kansas City Times.

Fred Walker Dies Following Operation

(Burlington Junction Post.)

Word was received here Wednesday of the death of Fred Walker which took place in California. The message just stated that Mr. Walker had died following an operation, and no particulars were given, and none had been up to the time The Post went to press this afternoon.

Mr. Walker and his family left here some three months ago and drove through to California. They located in that state at Beaumont and he had employment there in the oil fields.

No word had been received of Mr. Walker's illness by relatives here, so it is supposed to have attacked him suddenly. He is survived by the widow and several children. He was a brother of Frank, John and Earl Walker of this place, and had lived here for many years before his removal to California and the family had many friends who were shocked when news of his sudden death was received.

The burial took place in California and two of the daughters who reside in Kansas City attended the funeral.

Miss May Sturm returned Wednesday from Skidmore where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pfeiffer and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown for a few days.

Miss Olive Woodward of Grayville, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. L. St. Clair.

De Musy New President of Swiss Republic.

JEAN M. DE MUSY

Jean Marie de Musy has been elected as new President of the Republic of Switzerland and assumes office this week. His term is for a year only.

Six High Postal Heads Suspended

Investigation Follows Report of "Bribery" To Push Salary Legislation.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Six responsible postal officials in as many cities have been suspended, an employe of the senate postoffice committee has resigned as a result of an official investigation into the use of money to influence postal pay legislation.

The officials suspended all are members of the legislative committee of the National Association of Postal Supervisors, and held some of the most important positions in the postal service.

They are: Peter McGurty, acting superintendent of mails, New York City, who has been in service twenty-seven years.

James M. Greig, postal cashier, Boston, in service seventeen years.

Peter Wiggle, acting postmaster, Detroit, in service thirty-four years.

Harvey M. Tittle, assistant postmaster, Springfield, O., in service twenty-five years.

J. J. Fields, superintendent of mails, Louisville, in service thirty-three years.

William Swanson, assistant superintendent of delivery, Chicago, in service thirty-six years.

The discharged employe was E. H. McDermott, assistant clerk of the senate committee, who is described in a report of postal inspectors as the central figure in an arrangement by which he received $2,600 to work for the interests of the Association of Postal Supervisors.

Frederick C. Riedesel, clerk of the house committee, was declared in the report to have been presented with a "gift" of 1 thousand dollars by the Supervisors' association, and he announced yesterday that because of "the unhappy notoriety" connected with the investigation he had resigned.

The investigation was undertaken by the postoffice department after Postmaster General New had conferred with President Coolidge.

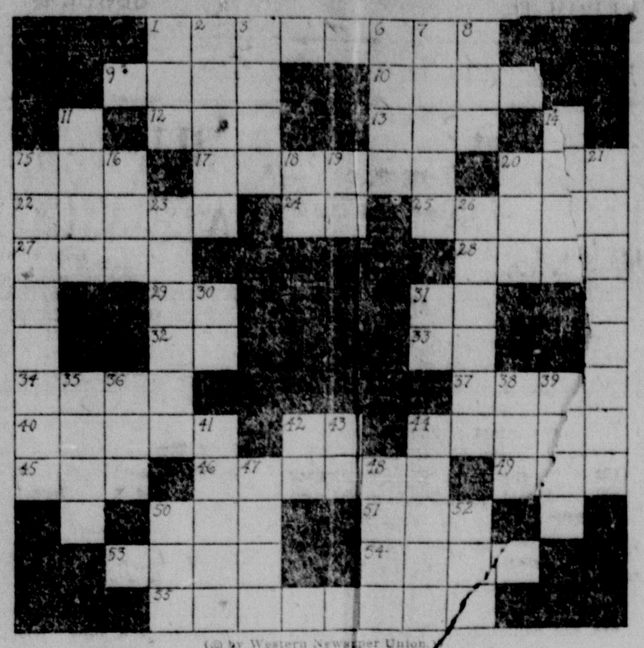
Lightning causes many a serious fire loss.

Your property should be safeguarded in every possible way, but in spite of all precautions there are some fire dangers that you cannot guard against. It is imperative that you make sure of your investment by carrying adequate fire insurance.

For over a hundred years insurance has been guarding property owners from financial loss by fire. This agency has resources and experience back of it. Insure in the Citizens Insurance Company.

B. E. COSTELLO INSURANCE AGENCY
Over Raines-Chaves Jewelry Store,
MARYVILLE, MO.
Phone Hanamo 197.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 14



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Horizontal.

1—Glaring
9—King of the beasts
10—Lure
12—Expressing negation
13—End of day
15—Drain
17—Midday nap
20—To affect with pain
22—Staring
24—Proceed
25—Cowboy's rope
27—Roman emperor
28—Beehive (abbr.)
29—Perform
31—Like
32—Not out
33—Greek letter
34—South American Indian
37—Tear
40—Small divan
42—Near
44—Fray
45—Possessed
46—For a short time
49—A boy
50—Period of time
51—Consumed
53—Stage
54—Variety of apple
55—One who hires workers

Vertical.

1—Appendage of a fish
2—Not tight
3—Opposed to
4—Encourage
5—Pertaining to a fleet of ships
6—To make a knot
7—Salary
8—To get up
9—Picnic delicacy
10—Equal
11—For example (abbr.)
19—Thus
20—Inquire
21—Crooked
23—Imaginary belt in the heavens
26—Confirm
30—Over
31—Part of "to be"
35—Biblical character
36—Food brought back to be chewed second time by an animal
38—Unit of measurement
43—Tidy
41—Woman's quarters in a Mohammedan residence
42—Ejaculation
43—Titanium (abbr.)
44—Unit of length
47—To twist out of shape
48—Resembling lace
50—The first woman
52—Organ of hearing

The solution will appear in next issue.

Former Mrs. Peck Tells How Gossip Assailed Her and Woodrow Wilson

How easily gossip starts is demonstrated by Mary Allen Hulbert, formerly Mrs. Peck, in her reminiscences concerning Woodrow Wilson in this week's Liberty. The incident occurred in Bermuda, and she narrates it in describing the friendship between herself and the War President. The friendship was made the subject of whispered gossip for years, and Mrs. Peck's present series of articles are written in large part to refute these slanders.

"Thus the man I met in Bermuda," she says, "with whom I walked the lovely coral strand and strolled side by side through endless oleanders. He was given to reading aloud from the Oxford Book, much, upon one occasion, to the dismay of a lady who, passing where we sat, heard his voice, but did not see that he was reading and not speaking in extemporaneous fervor.

"It chanced that he was reading for my benefit Alice Meynell's The Shepherdess:

'She holds her little thoughts in sight,
Though gay they run and leap.
She is so circumspect and right;
She has her soul to keep.
She walks—the lady of my delight—
A shepherdess of sheep.'

"Tender, yes; but hardly erotic, nor by any means measures of passion. Yet the passing woman must have caught 'The lady of my delight,' and presto the colony was ablaze with the news that Woodrow Wilson was calling me the lady of his delight."

Mrs. Hulbert's reminiscences also reveal Woodrow Wilson's private opinions of Theodore Roosevelt and William Jennings Bryan, at the time of his first presidential campaign.

"There is nothing very new in politics except Mr. Roosevelt," Mrs. Hulbert quotes Woodrow Wilson as saying. "He is always new, being bound by nothing in Heaven above nor in earth below. He is now rampant and diligently employed in splitting his party wide open. Mr. Roosevelt appeals to their (the voters') imagination; I do not. He is a real, vivid person, for whom they have shouted themselves hoarse and voted, millions strong. Mr. Roosevelt never works the heart out of himself. I honestly doubt if he has a heart for anybody but himself."

His appraisal of Bryan is equally trenchant.

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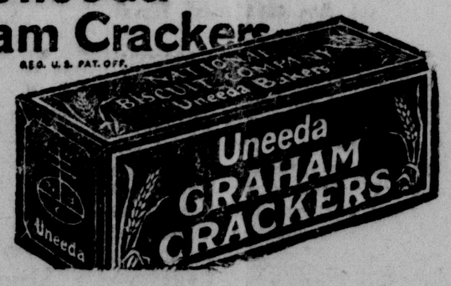

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A Joint Installation for W. R. C. and G. A. R

There will be a joint installation of the officers of the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief Corps at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post rooms at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

N. Sisson, the retiring commander of the G. A. R. will be the installing officer of the G. A. R. ceremonies. The announcement was made today by the adjutant W. B. Hudson.

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SOCIETY NOTES

Mercer Guests.

The New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mercer yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Will Trullinger and Mr. and Mrs. John Whitehead.

Hosts at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Neville entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner Monday evening when their guests included Miss Kitty Taylor of Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. Wilbur Lawler and son, Junior, of Lincoln, Neb.; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells and children, Eugene, Forrest, Margaret Marie, and Geraldine.

Goforth Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goforth, 304 East Cooper street, entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner New Year's Day for the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, and sons, Harry and Mark, of Hopkins; and her brother, Bert Davis, and family, of Kansas City.

New Year's Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Appleby entertained at a New Year's dinner for her sister, Mrs. W. W. Billings, and Dr. Billings and children, Edgar and Louise, of Troy, Ill.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Watson, Robert Gallagher and Cloys Appleby. The visitors left last night for their home after a holiday visit with Mrs. Billings' parents and sister.

Archer Watch Party.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Archer of Bedison entertained a small number of friends at a New Year's watch party. The evening was spent in games and at a late hour a luncheon was served by the hostess. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thompson, Leland Thompson, Helen Bell, Donald Roach, Lester Newcomer, George Fannon, Evelyn Bell, Frank Bell, Bessie Williams, and the hosts and children, Elaine, R. E., Jr., and Wayne.

C. C. Club

The C. C. Club of the Swallow district met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Otis Lyle. Needlework and a radio program were the diversions of the afternoon. Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Anna Fox and Miss Minnie Fox. The members present were Mrs. Sherman Heflin, Mrs. Alva Heflin, Mrs Charles Epperson, Mrs. Edison Blagg, Mrs. Charles Shamberger and Mrs. J. D. Mutz.

Merry Mingler Club.

Members of the Merry Mingler Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Rube Ross yesterday afternoon. The time was spent socially and in a guessing contest Miss Katie Mercer won the prize. Following the business session lunch was served. Mrs. Roy Schulte will be hostess at an afternoon meeting on January 15. The following members and guests were present: Mrs. Fred Wallace, Mrs. Verlin Conley, Mrs. Henry Smock, Mrs. Emma Booth, Mrs. Mary McElwee, Mrs. Russell Smock, Mrs. Roy Schulte, Mrs. A. B. Steins, Mrs. Fisher Mercer, Mrs. Henry F. Jaeger, Mrs. A. Marsh, Mrs. Lee Haigwood, Mrs. John Wallace, Mrs. Tom Tallon, Misses Edith Marsh, Minnie Jaeger, Mina Armstrong, Genevieve Tallon, Katie Mercer, Mrs. Lester McKillip, Mrs. Logan Strong, Mrs. Clarence Hilsenbeck, Bernadine and Margaret Jaeger, Pauline Ross, Marjorie Conley, Evelyn Marsh, Betty Ann Schulte, Fisher Mercer, Verlin Conley, Lee Haigwood, Russell Smock, Rube Ross and the hostess.

Mercer Watch Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mercer entertained twenty guests at a watch party New Year's eve at their home on North Mulberry street. Rook was played at five tables and after the games refreshments were served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Trullinger, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Appleby, Mrs. E. F. Hamlin, Ervilla Trullinger, Isabel Hamlin, Mary Katherine Shannon, J. W. Shannon and Harry Mason Lyle.

Rockford Community Club.

The Rockford Community Club held an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. J. R. Evans yesterday. After a morning spent with comfort tacking dinner in cafeteria style was served. An exchange of gifts and a talk on "Diet for Children" by Miss Margaret Davison of the county health department were the afternoon features. The members present were Mrs. Jerry Fisher, Mrs. W. R. Wells, Mrs. W. C. Hogan, Mrs. Lester Reaksecker, Mrs. Ernest Baisum, Mrs. Cal Williams, Mrs. M. C. Williams, Miss Grace Williams, Miss Odessa Wells, Mrs. Homer Worl, Mrs. Alfred Jones, Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. Harry McDowell, and Mrs. Eugene Crawford. Mrs. Claude Neville, Mrs. James Evans and son and Miss Roberta Wells were the guests of the afternoon. The club will meet with Mrs. Claude Moore January 15.

For California Visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hansen entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner New Year's day in honor of Walter Sherlock of Sacramento, Cal., who is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sherlock. Places were arranged for Mr. and Mrs. John Behn and daughter, Loretta, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sherlock, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swaney and son, Harold, Morris and Joe Sherlock, the honor guest and hosts.

McGinness Family Reunion.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McGinness, southeast of Maryville, was the scene of a family reunion yesterday. Their eight children, except one daughter, Mrs. D. C. Adams, who lives in Aurora, Mo., were present at the reunion. In the company were M. D. McGinness of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McGinness and daughter of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGinness and children, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Moore and children, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McGinness and children, Mrs. Harry Neidel and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Partridge and children.

Friendship Club.

The Friendship Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Furman Rogers yesterday afternoon. A short business meeting was held and the rest of the afternoon was spent in needlework. Assisting the hostess in serving refreshments was Mrs. Merle Millikan, who was a guest of the club. These members were present: Mrs. J. P. Cummings, Mrs. Banner Brummett, Mrs. Victor Ford, Mrs. F. W. Steele, Mrs. Harry Tilson, Mrs. Ernest Kessler and Mrs. L. R. Strong. Mrs. F. W. Steele, 319 East Cooper street, will be hostess to the club January 15.

B. T. W. Club Watch Party.

Members of the Xenia B. T. W. Club and their families enjoyed a watch party Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Otis. A program was given consisting of music, readings and a dialogue, "Brown's Unlucky Day." Refreshments of oysters, peaches and cake were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Ruth Florea. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Birkenholz, Mr. and Mrs. John Godsey, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swaney, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coleman, Ruth Florea, Lucile and Margaret Lett, Sylvia and Helen Marie Godsey, Dorothy Otis, Linwood Birkenholz, Merle Coleman, Raymond Lett, John Loch, Elbert Godsey, Donald Pistole, Harold Swaney and the hosts.

B. B. Club.

An all-day meeting of the B. B. Club of the Scudder district was held at the home of Miss Nellie Cox on South Main street yesterday. A delicious New Year's dinner was served, the hostess being assisted by her sisters, Mrs. Ed Russell and Miss Nettie Cox. Guests of the club were Mrs. Lee Devore, Mrs. Clifton Carnagey of Kansas City; Mrs. T. J. Hurley, Mrs. Ada Diem, Mrs. Charles Foster and daughter, Mildred, Mrs. Elmer Young and Miss Ruth Foster. The members present were Mrs. Frank Hull, Mrs. Marion Ripley, Mrs. Albert Carr, Mrs. Walter Brown and daughter, Alice Marie, Mrs. Frank Gray and son, Curtis, Mrs. Don Kingery and daughter, Deloris, Mrs. John Erickson, Mrs. D. S. Moody and daughter, Virginia Lee, Mrs. Ed Russell, Mrs. Joe Skidmore, Misses Blanche and Mabel Ruth Erickson and Anna Stafford. The following officers were elected for the next six months: President, Mrs. Don Kingery; vice president, Mrs. Frank Gray; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Ben Neal; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. S. Moody. The club will hold an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Joe Skidmore on January 15.

MANGLED BY INFERNAL MACHINE

RUINS OF TORCHIA HOME, (Below) ERNEST TORCHIA & EMILY TORCHIA. NEA.

Ernest M. Torchia, prominent Los Angeles attorney, was badly mangled when a Christmas package he was opening exploded in his hands. He may die of his injuries. Police believe he was the victim of a blackhand plot. Miss Emily Torchia, his eighteen-year-old daughter, escaped injury, although she stood at his side as he opened the package. A member of the detective department is shown above seeking clues to the sender of the deadly parcel

Bloomdale W. W. Club.

The Bloomdale Willing Workers Club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clarence Copeland. The afternoon was spent in quilting after which refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Orville Gray and Mrs. Lee Birkenholz, who was a guest of the club. The members present were Mrs. Claire Conley, Mrs. Orville Gray, Mrs. Tom Latimer, Mrs. Parl Runnels, Mrs. Edmund Harvey, Mrs. Walter Runnels, Mrs. Jewell Birkenholz, Mrs. Guy Pfeiffer and the hostess. The club will meet with Mrs. Alvin Gray January 15.

L. A. W. Club.

The regular meeting of the Myrtle Tree L. A. W. Club was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Neal yesterday afternoon. After the business meeting the afternoon was spent socially. Misses Lila Dowden, Lula Dowden, and Esther and Pearl Neal were guests and the members present were Mrs. Albert Dowden, Mrs. Jess Dowden, Mrs. Clarence Dowden and Mrs. Forrest Dowden. The club will meet with Mrs. W. H. Freece January 15 when roll call will be answered by Bible verses.

Herron Homemaking Circle.

Members of the Herron Homemaking Circle, their families, and a number of additional guests were entertained yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Willhoyte on West Fourth street. A dinner in cafeteria style was served at noon. During the afternoon the members pieced quilt blocks for the hostess and there was a New Year's gift exchange. An all-day meeting of the club will be held January 14 with Mrs. J. C. F. Taylor and her daughter, Miss Mary Taylor. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Porter and daughter, Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. F. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vert, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Deardorff, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Orli Griffey, Mrs. Harry Fisher and daughter, Helen Charlene, Mrs. S. E. Fisher, Mrs. V. A. Guthrie, Mrs. Charles Garrett, Misses Ella O'Grady, Grace Fisher, Kitty Taylor, Dorothy and Marie Lyons, Leora Willhoyte, Sarah and Thelma Garrett and Mary Taylor.

Entertains Schoolmates.

Olive Bush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bush, entertained several of her schoolmates at a New Year's party yesterday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock at her home on South Main street. Games and music were enjoyed and refreshments were served. The guests were Jessie Snoderly, Doris Kendall, Eugenia Arnold, Helen Kramer, Jean Montgomery, Alice England and Helen Gaugh.

Curfman Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Curfman will entertain with a family dinner tonight at their home on West Second street for Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Curfman and daughters, Helen, Mary Ruth and Gertrude, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Curfman and children, Virginia, Robert and John Horace, and Lula Mae, John, Ralph and Marguerite Curfman, children of the hosts. Miss Lula Mae Curfman will leave tomorrow night to resume her studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder after a holiday visit with her parents.

McClaren-Reutter.

Mrs. Nellie Price of Elmo announces the marriage of her sister, Miss Clara McClaren, to Dr. Garfield A. Reutter of Blanchard, Ia. The wedding took place at the parsonage of the Baptist Church in Atlantic, Ia., December 2, the Rev. Mr. Rogers officiating. Dr. and Mrs. Reutter are at home in Blanchard where the former has been practicing medicine for some time.

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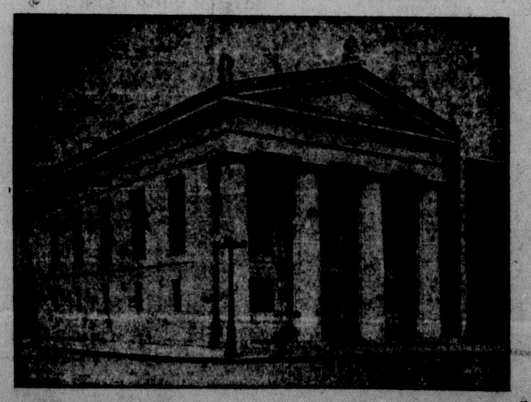

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English Teacher Writes About Conditions in China

Miss S. Deborah Haines, a teacher in English in Peking University, has written an interesting letter to Miss Ruby Melvin of Long Beach, Cal., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Melvin of this city. Miss Melvin and Miss Haines became acquainted in Long Beach. The letter follows:

10 Kuei Chia Chang
Peking, China.
Nov. 28, 1924.

After April 1st, 600 West 20, Oklahoma City.

My dear friends:—

Eight weeks ago the President Madison put me ashore at Shanghai. Some of you may be interested to look on the map and see where I have been thus far. Came by northern route to Yokahama arriving August 25, in port 2 days; Kobe August 26, 2 days; Shanghai August 29, 10 days; Nanking (by boat), there 6 days; Taian by rail, 4 days; out from there on 6 day country trip; Tsinan 2 days; Peking September 29. Leave February 1, '25. Then to Japan by way of Korea returning past Honolulu.

If I could only give you all the thrills that I had on arriving alone at 12:30 at night at T'aianfu! That night a big fat Chinese servant met me—knew me because I was the only foreigner in a group of a hundred natives. He pushed an envelop to me with my name on it and motioned for me to come with him. He wore a long black robe, had a shaved head and a smiling countenance. Since he was a servant, he was too high class to carry my suitcase, so he got a coolie to do that. I gave the servant a handful of coppers to pay the coolie. He paid the coolie three (equal to about 1 cent) returning the remainder. There were at least twenty ricksha men there anxious for a chance to take us home, that they too might earn a few coppers. It was a slight struggle to take any one for the remaining ones immediately pulled at my arms if I showed the least preference for a clean ricksha, or for a strong looking man. The big fat servant settled me in one.

A moment after starting, I discovered that the big fat servant was not with me. It was as light as it might be in New York City with all the lights extinguished and in the dark of the moon. I greatly feared that I might be upset in the bottomless blackness, that I would never see the fat servant again and that the ricksha man would deposit me at the wrong abode. Soon the lights on the sides of the ricksha were lit and they sent long shadows in every direction. The servant came riding along in his own ricksha and that cheered my heart. We jogged along over dirt roads and jogged more when we struck that part of the roadway constructed out of huge rocks made irregular by age.

Soon the ricksha driver stopped and said, something that sounded like "Walla." By the dim lights, I could tell that we were beside a great wall about fourteen feet high. A huge gate seemed mysteriously to open. Inside a pale soldier stood at attention (I learned later that he was really a policeman). We entered and rode along what later proved to be the main street of the town. Here on both sides everything was boarded up, braced and bolted as tight as if the German Army were expected to descend upon the city in thirty minutes. This was not war preparation either—this was the regular custom. In front of nearly every store was a huge black dog. Frank says that these are the dogs that are accustomed to eating the meat off of dead men's bones, but I have not witnessed it. They lie curled up, lean and hungry. They paid no attention to our rickshas but if I had tried to walk down the street there would have been a big bow-wow for dogs recognize a foreigner as quickly as do the Chinese. Soon we were at the Methodist Mission where I was showed to a room much like these we have in America.

The following are sidelights on the story that I want to tell. T'aianfu is a city of three hundred thousand but is composed almost entirely of shacks like we find in small country towns in Oklahoma. Shops are used also as residence and they join one onto another. The buildings have tile or thatched roofs. Fine residences are only one story and from the outside or from the front gate one would never suspect that they are nice. The most honorable part of the house is always in the rear. Second Sidelight. Ricksha men in warm weather wear trousers but nothing above the waist line except their queue wound around their heads. Their trousers are remarkable. I shall try to bring a pair home with me for you to see. In the inland parts, nearly all men have queues and nearly all the women have bound feet. At a hospital which I visited I had the unpleasant but interesting experience of seeing one of these crippled feet with the wrappings taken off. It resembles a crippled hand closed more than any thing else in our experience. Third Sidelight. A ricksha is like our Oklahoma two wheeled carts of thirty years ago except that it has inflated rubber tires, carries only one person and a suit case, has a man to pull it and has the shafts connected in front instead of separate. Fourth Sidelight. One of my friends said that these rickshas, wheelbarrows, and chairs, used to climb mountains, were all an insult to her idea of human equality. It does seem awful to use men as beasts of burden. They pull great loads of coal, lumber and bricks through the street and over the country road. Today I saw two ten year old boys carrying dirt with baskets and shoulder pole, working as day laborers on the University grounds.

While in T'aian, I took a country trip with four missionaries, visiting Confucius' grave and temple. The temples have enormous and marvelously carved pillars in front of them. These pillars are each of one solid piece of granite. How they were produced is hard to imagine. There seems to be no idea of reverence connected with the temple. Nothing is sacred about it. I saw no one praying or offering incense in any of the many temples that I have visited. They have certain seasons for these things and this was not the right season. They have no Sabbath. One often sees a farmer's hay of his wheelbarrow in the corner of a temple, though Confucius' temples were better kept than that. However, we would not have considered them well kept. (We rode out to Confucius' grave on wheelbarrows. These have a big wagonlike wheel in the center and a flat board on either side for riding).

On this trip we five people carried with us our own bedding and food for the entire six days. We had 28 pieces of luggage. One day when our train stopped for a three hour wait, I took my turn at watching the luggage, for the natives are dreadfully curious. With me left behind, the baggage became secondary importance. They gathered close and watched how I opened my eyes with as much curiosity as we Americans watch a sleeping doll. They examined my dress. They wanted to find out where it fastened and how I got into it. It was one of the kind that slips over my head. They thought my shoes quite wonderful, as indeed they are.

Once while seated so as to avoid as many stares as possible I unfortunately turned my head quickly to the right. A curious old woman, who was examining me at the rear, had her face so near my head that when I turned, our noses lacked less than one sixteenth of an inch of touching. That scared me for an instant, and positively irritated me. I arose and shook myself like an old setting hen. She was extremely sorry and she hastened to make amends. So she offered me a puff from her long pipe. Because of my previous training and inexperience in China, I failed to recognize this as a courtesy and an extension of hospitality. I did not do her any bodily injury but this time she understood my Chinese perfectly and left me alone.

I am teaching English here in Peking University. I have one class of 18 freshmen and another with 13 sophomores. These boys are extremely polite, bright and attentive. They rise and bow in Chinese fashion when I enter. As I suspected would be the case, I am getting a great deal of profit from doing this teaching. It is helping out a little also as they are short of teachers. I expect to be here until about February 1, 1925. Next week I hope to start a Bible class with these boys, if they want it. It will give them practice in English as well as the devotional study. I think we will take up the book of Mark. Don't one of you dare to call my boys "heathens." By the way, I have discovered that we have lots of heathens at home, or else there are none over here. Education and religion seem to be the medicine needed by both.

Peking is an interesting city—many say that it is one of the most interesting in all of China. As one goes through the narrow streets always with a high grey wall on either side, one wonders if there could be any beauty here. But there are real beauty spots. There is a city wall about 80 feet high and twenty feet broad and 14 miles long entending around the city. We go upon the top of the wall to take a walk or to have a picnic. From there one can see how many pretty trees there are in the city.

The war situation is very complex and I do not pretend to understand much about it. It is the concensus of opinion that there is no danger to foreigners here and that the mortality rate is nothing compared even to our civil war. It is bad enough for families in the war zone, and for the soldiers who hate fighting. We all hope and pray that the conflict may soon cease and that those so engaged may get into more productive activity. It seems to me that the young college men are the hope of China.

While I am here in Peking, I am the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Louis E. Wolferz. We have a lovely home in every sense of the word. Mrs. Wolferz is a sister of my dear friend, Eda King Searles who died here in Peking just five years ago. It is a great inspiration to meet here old friends and to be this near to her. Were it not for Eda, I should likely never have seen China.

There is a fourth member of our household that is most important of all. Her name is Rosalie. She is four years old and sturdy and fine as can be. Last night I read her a Teddy Bear story and frequently the Teddy was supposed to growl. She put her little arm around my neck and said, "I am not afraid, are you?" as she hugged me tight.

Christmas is approaching. I am sending this out early so that you will not forget this Missionary when you are thinking about Christmas mail. Please do send me a good letter. It is the most welcome gift that I could possibly receive. Please send some love also for that comes through "duty free."

With very much Christmas love to each of you, I am,

Your sincere friend,
S. DEBORAH HAINES.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rasco, Sr., and son of Barnard were Maryville visitors today.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS-EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

Above: SEN. GEO. W. NORRIS & PRINCESS ILEANA.
Below: A. V. ROSELL & SEN. DAVID A. REED. INT.

Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, has introduced into the Senate a resolution directing that the Federal Trade Commission investigate an alleged "power trust," said to be making efforts to influence a decision by Congress in the Muscle Shoals fight. He has been active in his opposition to Senator Underwood's plan to have the Government lease Muscle Shoals for private operation....Word has come from Vienna that King Boris of Bulgaria, and Princess Ileana, youngest daughter of King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Roumania, are to be betrothed. Premier Alexander Zankoff of Bulgaria is said to be in Belgrade seeking support for the proposed royal marriage....A. V. Rosell, direct descendant of one of the Emperors of the Incas, will lead an expedition organized to search for the fabulous wealth of the ancient Indian printes in Peru. The expedition, in which Senator-Elect Hiram Bingham, of Connecticut, is said to be interested, is being organized in New York.... In a speech urging the Senate not to adjourn without voicing vigorous protest against the apparent intention of the French Government to repudiate its war debt to the United States, Senator David A. Reed, of Pennsylvania, warned France "not to chill the affection of this country" by any ill-advised action. Americans have been taxed $800,000,000 during the past five years to pay interest which the French nation has failed to pay, he said.

Annual Election at Christian Church

Will Be Held Sunday—Basket Dinner To Be Served At Noon—To Give Reports.

The "Annual Day" for the First Christian Church here will be held Sunday. At this time all departments of the church make their reports for the year and election of all retiring officers is held. The members are asked to bring their baskets and dinner is served at the the church about 12:30 o'clock. The morning service will consist of some of the reports and the annual sermon by the pastor. The subject of the sermon will be, "The Kind of a Church Needed for 1925." In the afternoon other reports are made and discussion of plans and programs for the ensuing year will be held.

The nominating committee for the elders and deacons to be elected consists of the non-retiring elders who are: A. L. Nash, W. C. Frank, G. B. Roseberry, A. E. Bell, and the pastor. Those whose terms expire with 1924 are the following: Elders, J. H. Todd, Alex Holt, Jonathan Stark, W. E. Goforth; deacons, G. H. Westfall, J. D. Dickerson, J. R. Brink, W. A. Miller, John Whitehead, P. R. Moore.

The officiary of the Christian church here consists of eight elders and twenty-four deacons besides the pastor. Upon the election of the new board, a portion of whom are elected each year, this board is organized with its proper officers and committees. The board officers for this past year were W. E. Goforth, president, Jonathan Stark, vice-president; A. L. Nash, financial secretary and L. M. Rilea, clerk. The official board is divided into eight committees which are: Finance, missionary, building and repairs, music, purchasing, sick and needy, ushers and publicity. The regular meetings of the board are held monthly, the first Sunday of each month.

The pastor says that he believes the reports next Sunday will show one of the best year's work in the history of the church, though the number of additions to the church are not so many as in previous years. The present pastor began his work here six years ago next May, making the longest pastorate for this church in years and perhaps in its history.

Appoints Curator.

Mrs. Retta Smithson of Graham was appointed today curator of the estates of Marie E. Smithson and Laura V. Smithson, minors, by Judge Jesse F. Robertson of the Probate Court.

Captain McClure Returns.

Capt. C. I. McClure, national guard instructor stationed in Maryville with Battery C, returned last night after spending several days with relatives and friends in Iola and Neosha Falls, Kansas.

S. H. Leary and Sam Duff of Ravenwood visited in Maryville yesterday.

Sunday Services at Baptist Church

The Rev. T. J. Puckett of Maryville will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The baccalaureate services for members of the mid-year graduating class of the Maryville High School will be held at the Baptist Church at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night. The Rev. R. A. Mitchell of the M. E. Church, South will deliver the sermon.

William Van Cleve Here.

William T. Van Cleve, city editor of the Moberly Monitor-Index, arrived in Maryville this morning to spend the week-end with friends.

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50 Years of Satisfied Users Recommend it—
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Storage Battery Secrets Reaveled

Storage battery prices have been cut to less than one-half what they were at any time before Henry Ford put his storage battery on the market.

Genuine Ford, 13-plate Storage Batteries

80 Amperes $16.50 6 Volt

The only 13-plate, 80 ampere, 6 volt storage battery of any standard make selling at so low a price.

The price of recharging storage batteries has been $1.00 the world over. No charge for changing. Half of this cost has been removing and installing rental, and removing rental and replacing recharged battery. We only ask pay for the service you receive. We recharge storage batteries (any size, any make, automobile or radio) for 50c
Changing batteries 25c
Rental Batteries(per day) 25c
Replacing broken jar $2.75
Reinsulating, 1 cell (including recharging) $2.50
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Above prices include labor and material.

We use Ford schedule prices on all battery and mechanical work. Compare these prices with what you have paid elsewhere.

Our service is the best. Our prices are low.
8-Hour Recharging Service.

Barmann Auto Co.

Maryville's Ford Agents for 15 Years.

Closing Out Sale

Having decided to leave the farm, will sell at public auction at farm, 3 miles east, and one mile north of Skidmore; 10¾ miles southwest of Maryville, on

Wednesday, January 7, 1925

commencing at 10 o'clock:

4 HEAD OF MULES

2 coming 4-year-old; 2 coming 3-year-old; all in good condition, unbroke.

24 HEAD OF CATTLE

20 head coming 2-year-old steers; 4 head Shorthorn cows, to freshen soon, extra good ones.

HOGS

50 head of late summer and fall shoats.

FEED

200 bushels Iowa 103 oats, good enough for seed; also some alfalfa and clover hay in barn.

IMPLEMENTS

High wheel wagon, good box; double roller Coulter packer; 2 walking cultivators, with 4 and 6 shovel gang; stag John Deere sulky plow, 4-horse hitch, new; 2 walking plows, 14 and 16 inch; Janesville gang, 12 inch; John Deere combined for walking lister; Newton grain grader; corn planter; hand corn sheller; 2 feed bunks; 2 all-year hog waterers; 2 hog oilers; 350-egg size Buckeye incubator; 1,000-chick hard coal brooder; some large size dry mash feeders for chickens; large size all-year waterer; oat sprouter; some hedge corner posts.

Lunch by ladies of Successful Club.

TERMS—Usual.

JAMES & OWENS

R. P. Hosmer, Auct. H. W. Montgomery, Clerk.

Closing Out Sale

As I have sold my farm and am moving to town, I will sell at the farm, 3-4 miles north of Harmony church, 2 miles south of Orrsburg, on

Tuesday, January 6th

beginning at 10 o'clock, the following described property:

12 HEAD CATTLE—9 head of milk cows, Shorthorns, some with Jersey blood; 2 suckling calves; 1 yearling heifer.

3 HEAD OF HORSES—gray mare, 9 years old, in foal to jack; weight 1400; sorrel mare, 9 years old, weight 1200; smooth mouth mare, weight 1200.

10 HEAD OF HOGS—5 head of Chester White sows, to farrow in February; 5 head of gits, will farrow in February; 30 head of shoats, will weigh from 50 to 125 pounds.

FEED—20 tons of timothy and clover mixed hay in barn; 2 or 3 tons of hay in stack. 10 or 12 tons of insilage; stack of wheat straw; 100 bushels of corn in crib; 50 bushels of oats.

IMPLEMENTS—15-16 Rock Island disc; 14-inch Rock Island gang plow; 14-inch John Deere walking plow; J. I. Case riding cultivator; New Departure walking cultivator; International go-devil; 2 section harrow; high wheeled wagon; low wheel wagon with rack; set 1½ inch harness; set 1¼ harness; stock saddle and bridle; De Lavel No. 12 cream separator; One-Minute hand power washing machine; buggy; 450-bushel slat corn crib; iron pump; feed bunk; 50 hedge posts; and other articles too numerous to mention.

LUNCH BY LADIES OF HARMONY CHURCH

TERMS—$25 and under, cash. Over $25, three or four months time on bankable note at 8 per cent interest.

C. A. Hunt

CHAS. EVANS, Auct. FARMERS STATE BANK, Clerk.

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Count the words; send money with the order.

These prices are for CASH with order. An extra charge of five cents will be made on all Want Ads when cash does not accompany the order.

FOR SALE

LEGAL FORMS FOR SALE—the following legal forms may be had at The Democrat-Forum office: quit claim deed, house leases, deed of trust, chattel mortgage with power of sale, and general warranty deed.

FOR SALE—One tube radio set, complete at bargain. Fisher Battery Station. 8tf

New Tops and Side Curtains; door opening Curtains and winter tops. Satisfaction guaranteed. Farmers Auto Supply Co. D4-J3.

FOR SALE—Jersey cows, heifers; some fresh now, some heavy springers. Will trade for stock hogs. Joe Fogan, box 27, Reimer's Meat Market; phone Hanamo 186, Farmers 232. D21-J29

PUBLIC SALE—Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 2¾ miles southeast Ravenwood, beginning 10:30; 6 head horses; 7 milk cows; 36 head sheep from 4 years old to yearlings; Hugh Thrasher. 2*

FOR SALE—39 Head of Ewes. Call Eri Bosch, Pickering. 1-3*

FOR SALE—One floor and Stock Rack for Truck. One 22 Winchester Rifle. Call Hanamo 741½. 1-3*

FOR SALE—Canaries; male and female, singers $3.00, female $1.00. Mrs. Jack Holt, Hanamo 5346. 1-3.

MISCELLANEOUS

MONEY TO LOAN — Joint Stock Land Bank plan on farm loans. Also city and farm real estate for sale. Ed F. Welfert. D15-J15

ROOMS for rent—modern home. 403 West First street. D2tf

FOR RENT—Three strictly first-class modern apartments. Two of them one block from business center; better get in while getting's good. Chas. Hyslop. J10-tf

MAN, energetic and reliable, wanted for factory representative to handle our business in Maryville district; unusual opportunity, with fortune for right man; experience or capital unnecessary; write fully Syncro Motors Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

CASH paid for poultry, eggs and cream at Jack Parry's Produce. 106 East 6th street. Farmers 067. D29-J29.

LOST—Crank for Oakland car. Finder leave at Clarence Hilsenbecks at Arkoe. 31-2*

LOST—A stamped linch cloth Wednesday on sidewalk, finder please leave at Democrat-Forum office. 1-3*

HAVE CASH BUYER for good 6 or 7 room modern dwelling. Must be worth the money and west location. See me at once. C. D. Allen, 119 East Fourth. 2

Market Report

Chicago, Jan. 2.—CATTLE—Receipts 9,000.
HOGS—Receipts, 60,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 17,000.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—CATTLE — Receipts, 500.
HOGS—Receipts, 18,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 1,000.

Kansas City, Jan. 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,800.
HOGS—Receipts, 8,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 1,500.

St. Joseph, Jan. 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 800; 10c to 15c higher.
HOGS—Receipts, 4,500; top, $10.75; steady to 10c lower.
SHEEP—Receipts, 300.

TODAY'S MARKET

Heavy Hens, lb	16c
Light hens, lb	12c
Heavy springers, lb	16c
Geese, per lb	12c
Ducks, lb	12c
Leghorn and black springs, lb	12c
Cocks, lb	7c
Butterfat, per lb	35c
Eggs, per doz	45c
Hides, per lb	7c

CUTS-SORES
Cleanse thoroughly—then, without rubbing, apply—
VICKS VAPORUB
Over 17 Million Jars Used Yearly

OUCH! RHEUMATISM! RUB THE PAIN AWAY

Stop drugging! Rub soothing, penetrating St. Jacobs Oil right into your sore, stiff, aching joints, and relief comes instantly. St. Jacobs Oil is a harmless rheumatism liniment which never disappoints and cannot burn the skin.

Get a 35 cent bottle of St. Jacobs Oil at any drug store, and in a moment you'll be free from pain, soreness and stiffness. In use for 65 years for rheumatism, sciatica, neuralgia, lumbago, backache, sprains.

BANK ROBBER IS CAPTURED

POLICE SAY JOSEPH V. MAULE CONFESSES.

GET PART OF LOOT

$740 Out of $1,600 Taken From Kansas City National Bank Saturday Recovered—Searching for Others.

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 2.—Joseph V. Maule, former cashier for the Cudahy Company here, was arrested here today and has admitted, police say, that he was the brains of the $1,600 messenger holdup of the Commercial National Bank Saturday.

Immediately afterward, police started on a search for pretty Delia Mengers, 22, Oklahoma City garage man's daughter, and Frank Johnson, "diamond row" gangster of New York, as they fled the city for Oklahoma.

Switching from taxi to taxi, the girl eluded the police, but a woman answering her description and a man were taken off the train at Wichita, Kan. At Wichita, the girl gave her name as Alma Johnson, which police say is an alias of the "flapper bandit." She is also known, according to authorities, as Ruth Nations and Ruth Ashley.

Maule was arrested on a tip from a stool pigeon that he was concerned in the robbery. He quickly collapsed, police say, and took them to a place where they recovered $740 of his $800 share of the bank loot. Sixty dollars had been spent in a celebration.

Gains and Losses in Stock at St. Joseph

Cattle Show An Increase But Hogs, Mules and Horses Fell Off During Last Year.

Losses and gains were intermingled in the records set for the year 1924 in business carried on at the South St. Joseph stock yards. Sheep receipts were the largest in the history of the local market, cattle receipts gained slightly over the preceding year, while decreases were noted in arrivals of hogs and horses and mules. Total receipts of horses and mules were the lightest since 1899, a period of 25 years, indicating the further inroads that the motor car, truck and tractor is making on this once important adjunct of animal husbandry.

The final figures show that during the year, 719,832 cattle, 2,234,366 hogs, 1,088,731 sheep and 11,066 horses and mules were received at the St. Joseph yards. Compared with 1923 receipts these figures indicate a gain of 11,273 cattle, 109,243 sheep, a loss of 222,596 hogs and 4,133 horses and mules. Total carload receipts were 53,967 against 57,317 in 1923, a loss of 3,350 cars.

While the increase in cattle was comparatively small, it must be remembered that 1923 was a big year in cattle. The 1924 aggregate stands as the third largest since the present yards were built a quarter of a century ago, being exceeded only by 1918 with 869,888 head, and 1919 with 750,151 head.

No new price records were established during the year. As a matter of fact, cattle and hog prices were not on an overly high or encouraging basis and there were more or less complaint of an unprofitable years operation on the part of producers for both species of live stock. Sheep and lambs, however, sold at comparatively good prices throughout the year and in December prices on fed lambs soared to the highest plane noted since May, 1920. Compared with the cattleman and hog raiser, the sheepman, during 1924, fared most sumptuously, realizing high prices for both wool and mutton.

Our Pet Peeve

HAPPY NEW YEAR OL' MAN SAME TO YOU
THANKS, I SWORE OFF - THE FIRST OF THE YEAR
HAPPY NEW YEAR
HELLO OL' SCOUT SAME TO YOU AND MANY OF THEM
NIX, I CUT IT OUT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR
HAVE A SMOKE?
BOO-GONE IT!! I SWEAR OFF SMOKING TO CUT DOWN EXPENSE AND THEN THEY ALL OFFER ME CIGARS

Pickering

O. G. Null.

Mrs. C. A. Wolfers and daughter Miss Mary Wolfers, have closed their home here for the winter and went last Tuesday to Burlington Junction, where they will spend the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Corken. Mrs. Corken is a daughter of Mrs. Wolfers.

Geo. M. Crowson of Chicago arrived here last Saturday afternoon for a short visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Crowson. He drove to Burlington Junction Sunday afternoon to take a train to Chicago as he had to be back in his office Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lester Ellis and son Dale of St. Joseph and Mrs. James Buchanan of Osawatomie, Kan., returned to their homes Wednesday evening after a week's visit at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Null and with other relatives here.

Eugene Crowson returned to Corning, Iowa, where he is employed as telegraph operator by the Burlington Railway Company, last Saturday evening after a few days visit with home folks.

The annual supper of Pickering Lodge, No. 472 A. F. & A. M., was served Wednesday evening by the wives of members of the lodge to about 75 persons in the Masonic lodge rooms.

A program was rendered by members of the company after the supper and a very enjoyable time was had by those present.

J. L. Neal is filling his ice house this week with a splendid quality of about 10 inch ice for his own use next summer.

The recent snows have been very beneficial to the wheat and pastures but very hard on "Bre'r Rabbit" as the hunters are after him early and late with dog and gun, and as a rule have been quite successful in bagging a large number of the "cotton tails."

Three or four local parties have shipped several dozen rabbits to the Chicago market this week but have not received their returns as yet so do not know how successful they have been.

The Long Branch community east of town sustained the loss of one of its eldest and best known residents last week in the passing of Joseph H. Alexander. Mr. Alexander was a genial, wholehearted man whom it was a pleasure to know and whose influence will long be felt in the community where he had spent practically his whole life.

The family has the sympathy of a host of friends in their bereavement.

I desire to express not only my own personal gratitude but the thanks of the whole family for the many expressions of sympathy and the many offers of assistance during the last illness and the death of my father George W. Null which occurred last Monday.

In our hours of sorrow our friends have been most kind and helpful to us and their assistance makes us appreciate more than we can express the communities in which we live.

M. E. Church Notes.

Services Sunday, Jan. 4th as follows:

Myrtle Tree: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Let every one come. Start the New Year right.

Our revival service will begin Monday night if the weather will permit.

Pickering: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Morning subject, "Some Things That Count."

Evening subject, "Heredity, Environment, Will—Which?"

We invite the public to any and all these services.

E. W. Croy, Pastor.

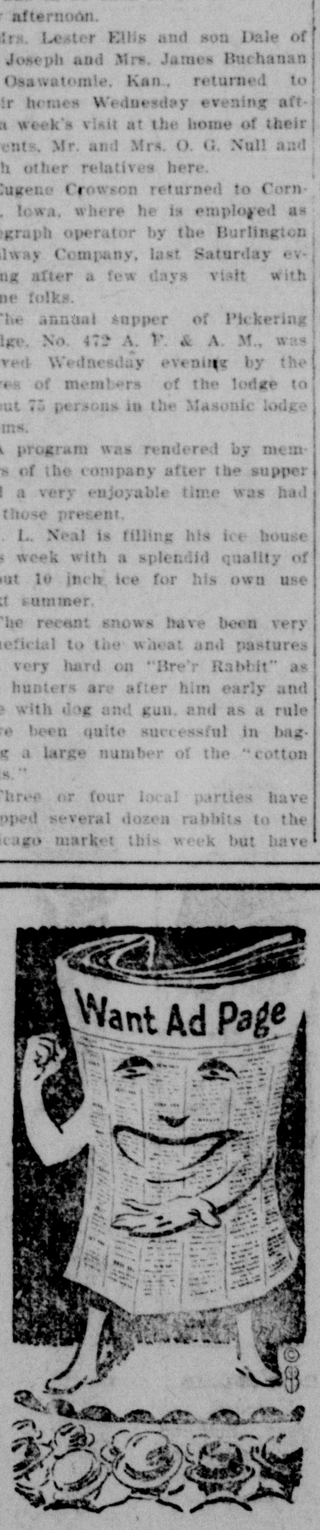
Christian Church.

Services for next Sunday, Jan. 4: Bible School and preaching in morning as usual, sermon subject, "The Original Church, Its Officers and Their Duties."

Noon: Basket Dinner in the church; 2:00 p. m., annual business meeting of the church with election of officers. No night service.

This will be a very important day, and it is especially urged that every member of the church be present. Come, bring your dinner, and stay all day for a great fellowship.

All who desire "The Pickering Messenger" for one year at a subscription price of 50 cents, see the pastor or telephone your name at once. This is for everybody in the community who wants it.



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Phone and tell us your needs. We'll write the Want Ad for you.

Funston to Try Cleanup In Schenectady

Captain William H. Funston, of the New York Police Department admittedly one of the cleverest sleuths in the country, has been granted a thirty-days' leave-of absence to reorganize the Police Department of Schenectady, N. Y., where vice has been rampant, according to Mayor W. W. Campbell. The murder of Captain Albert L. Youmans after he had been threatened by an alleged vice ring provided a climax and started city officials on a hunt for a man who might prove Schenectady's General Butler.

Society

Bosch Dinner Guests.

The New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bosch yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. George Barton and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Noland and daughter, Alice Louise.

Watch Party.

A wathe party to usher in the new year was held by a group of eleven young women Wednesday night. A movie party at the Electric Theater was followed by refreshments at the Maryville Drug Store with Miss Leola Miller as hostess. A radio program later wa senjoved at the home of Misses Florence and Katherine Wray on West Thompson street. After midnight the party was entertained at a slumber party and breakfast at the home of Miss Virginia Dean. The group included Misses Katheryn Chandler, Winifred Baker, Edwyna Forsyth, Virginia Tulloch, Virginia Curnutt, Florence Wray, Katherine Wray, Leola Miller, Virginia Dean, Lucile Snyder and Frances Remus.

Hawaiians Like Macaroni

Macaroni is eaten in Hawaii by all peoples. The Japanese like it best, but the Filipinos, the Chinese, the Koreans and the Portuguese like it, too, and it is becoming steadily more popular.

The process of making noodles, vermicelli and macaroni is interesting. They all contain exactly the same thing and are made out of the same dough, says the Detroit News. They get their name from their size. Constituents are simply salt water and wheat flour.

Weathervane Warning

A weathervane, depicting a former rector preaching to pews emptied by his fault-finding, stands over the deanery at Sonning, Berks.—London Answers.

THE SPARK PLUG

Vitamins to nourishment are what a spark-plug is to a motor. To sustain vitality, the body needs three thousand calories of food daily, yet if this food is not activated by vitamins the body is unable to thrive in health or strength.

Scott's Emulsion

brings to a weakened system vitamin-activated nourishment of highest degree. A little taken regularly helps wonderfully to build strength and resistance.

If you would keep strong and vital—activate your diet with Scott's Emulsion.

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GIVES RULES FOR CONTEST

FIRST LOCAL SPELLING CONTESTS JANUARY 17.

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN

Conductor of Each Contest Will Select Two Judges, One for Each Division or Class.

The rules for the Nodaway County spelling contest have been drawn up by Leslie G. Somerville, county superintendent of schools, and are announced today. The words have been selected and are ready to be sent out to the conductors of the contests in each district. The winners of the contest in each district will come to Maryville for the county contest to be held here January 24. First and second place in each will be eligible to compete in the county contest. All of the local contests are to be held on January 17, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning and continued until winners are selected.

Mr. Somerville announces that prizes will be awarded in the local contest. A gold pencil will be awarded to each winner of first place in classes "A" and "B." In the county contests a gold medal will be awarded to the winner of first place.

Other rules which have been outlined by Mr. Somerville for the spelling contests are as follows:

Local superintendent or principal to have charge of contest and will hereafter be designed as "conductor."

Conductor will select at least two judges, one for each division or class in the contest. These judges will pass upon all questions that come up in the contest.

Each contestant must be given a number in the beginning of the contest. This number is placed on each word list prepared by the pupil.

Assisting teachers will check the word lists, but no teacher should check their own pupils papers. This can be arranged by the party conducting the contest.

When a word is found misspelled, a check mark should be placed after the word and the paper should be handed to the judge of the class to which the pupil belongs, who decides whether or not the word has been missed.

After all papers have been checked, the conductor calls out the number of those who have missed and they give up their places in the contest.

The question of dotting i's and crossing t's and o's and a's, etc., may come up, according to the county superintendent. If these questions arise the conductor should take the paper to the contestant and warn him of the peculiar error and then hand the paper to the judge of his class who will keep it for further reference. If the same offense happens the second time, the contestant should be counted out.

The following procedure is recommended by Mr. Somerville to the conductors of the contests:

1. Give a list of twenty words for "limbering up" exercises. This list should be thrown aside when finished and not counted against the contestant.

2. A regular list of fifty words should be given and papers collected. These papers should be handed to the teachers who are assisting in the contest, for checking. Those who miss words are eliminated before the next list is given. Continue in this way until ten words lists are finished, then increase the word list to one hundred words.

Continue with word lists until only one pupil remains who will be the winner of the contest. Should all be eliminated on any one word lists should be given to those that tie. Winners of either class always to be determined by those who remain in the contest longest.

Both local and county contests shall be written.

Words may be pronounced twice to be sure contestant understands.

Where a word has the same pronunciation as another word, the conductor should give the word's use.

The conductor will certify to the county superintendent the names of those winning first and second place in each class.

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Money back without question if HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES (Hunt's Salve and Soap), fail in the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter or other itching skin diseases. Try this treatment at our risk.
GAUGH & EVANS
Maryville, Mo.

Drink Water If Kidneys Bother

Take a Tablespoonful of Salts if Back Pains or Bladder is Irritated

Flush your kidneys by drinking a quart of water each day, also take salts occasionally, says a noted authority, who tells us that too much rich food forms acids which almost paralyze the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken; then you may suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To help neutralize these irritating acids, to help cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste, get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here. Take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days, and your kidneys may then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; can not injure and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least twice a year.

Received Blows in Lieu of Wedding Gifts

Mrs. Nina Nedorovitz, pretty Russian girl, married Ignatz Nedorovitz, a New York furrier, to escape deportation as an alien and because she believed him a man of wealth, she declared in her suit for divorce in San Francisco. Instead of promised gifts she received beatings, the first on her wedding day, she told a Judge. The divorce was granted.

Ship Hogs to St. Joseph.

From Nodaway County Frank Goslee & Co., Larkin & Caldwell and Ham & Medsker had in shipments of hogs on the St. Joseph market yesterday.—St. Joseph Stock Yards Journal.

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Sports

GIRLS PLAY PRELIMINARY

DOUBLE-HEADER COURT CARD AT H. S. TONIGHT.

GIRLS SCHEDULE OUT

To Play Eleven Games—Line-ups for Boys and Girls Teams Tonight are Announced.

H. S. Girls' Schedule.

Jan. 2—First team vs. second team.
Jan. 10—Savannah, here.
Jan. 17—To be filled.
Jan. 23—Trenton, there.
Jan. 30—College Springs, Ia., here.
Feb. 6—Bethany, here.
Feb. 13—Trenton, here.
Feb. 17—Creston, Ia., here.
Feb. 20.—Savannah, there.
Feb. 27—Rosendale, there.
March 6—Rosendale, here.

The girls' team will enter the Northwest Missouri High School tournament at the College, which will take place in March.

The High School girls' basketball team will open the 1925 cage season with a game on the local court tonight when the first team will play the second girls' team, Miss Ruth Bookman, coach, announced this noon. This will be a preliminary game for the card tonight at the high school gymnasium and will commence at 7:15 o'clock. Sam Dubin, who will referee the boys' game, Spoofhounds against Tarkio, will also referee the girls' game.

Miss Bookman has announced this line-ups of the two teams that will play tonight as follows:

The personnel of the first girls' team: Leola Miller, jumping center; Henrietta Hildreth, running center; Beatrice Puckett, captain, forward and Elsie Wright, forward; Ruth England and Leola Smith, guards.

The members of the second team that will oppose the first team tonight:

Mary Todd, jumping center; Lucile Snyder, running center; Katherine Wray and Charmion Murray, forwards; Virginia Dean, captain, and Florence Wray, guards.

The schedule for the girls' team this season has been nearly completed, all for the exception of one date, January 17, and that will be booked soon, Miss Bookman said today. The schedule will include eleven games when completed, including the game tonight.

The games to be played here are Savannah, College Springs, Bethany, Trenton, Creston, Ia., and Rosendale. Double-headers will be played at the High School gymnasium when College Springs and Creston will bring both boys' and girls' teams and also the date of the Bethany game, at which time Lafayette High School quint of St. Joseph will be here to play the Spoofhounds.

Coach Harold G. Ebert, announced this noon that his starting line-up tonight against Tarkio will be P. Kissinger, center; Roelofson and Wright, forwards; Captain Cockayne and Yeary at guard.

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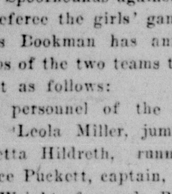

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Madame Charlotte Callies, formerly prima donna of the Royal Opera at Wiesbaden Germany whose glorious voice once thrilled thousands has been found in New York in a little furnish of rooms just two blocks away from the opera house where she had hoped to continue the career begun in Germany. An attack of neuritis which struck her down prevented an engagement with the Chicago Opera Company. Despondent, ill alone she swallowed poison in a hotel in Chicago she said but recovered, except from the torturing neuritis, which has kept her in hospitals and exhausted her funds.

California U. Beats Quaker Team 14 to 0

Southern Methodist University Goes Down Before West Virginia Wesleyans Yesterday 7 to 9

Besides the Notre Dame-Stanford game yesterday there were also two other intersection football games played New Year's day.

The University of Pennsylvania traveled to Berkeley, Calif., and met defeat at the hands of the University of California. The score was 14 to 0 in favor of the Bears. Fifty thousand witnessed the game, about the same number or perhaps a little less than saw the Irish beat Leland Stanford.

For the first time in two years the Southern Methodist University of Dallas, Tex., was defeated yesterday losing to West Virginia Wesleyans at Dallas. The West Virginians won 9 to 7.

Spoofhounds Hope to Defeat Tarkio

Coach Ebert Tells the Student Body —Maryville girls in Curtain Raiser Game at 7:15 o'Clock.

"We hope to win tonight but we do not say that we will win because we do not know the strength of our opponents," said Harold G. Ebert, coach of the Maryville High School basketball team. Mr. Ebert made this statement in addressing a pep assembly held at the High School this morning to create pep for the Tarkio game which is tonight.

The assembly was in charge of the yell leaders, Donald Aley, Forrest Howland, and Irene Blagg. Yells were given by the student body and plans were made to have a big student turnout at the initial game with the Tarks.

Tarkio is an ancient rival of the Spoofhounds and should give the Green and Black team a battle that will test the power of the 1925 quintet. The Tarkio team, according to Coach Ebert, has played several games and are consequently more experienced than are the Spoofhounds.

"The Maryville team will be fighting to the last whistle and deserves the support of the student body at this game," concluded Coach Ebert.

The Maryville High School girls' basketball team will fight among themselves tonight, due to the cancelling of the game which was scheduled by the Tarkio sextet. The first team will engage the second team and the Maryville fans will have a good opportunity to see the Maryville teams in action on the local court. The game starts at 7:15 o'clock.

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SPORT CHATTER.

As it nears the time for the College to again assume the aspect of a busy be-hive, fans are beginning to wonder just what Coach Lawrence is going to have in the way of a basketball team. The coach himself is noncommunicative. About all he will say is that a surprise is in store for some one or two persons and this leads one to believe that the work of some of the men is not at all pleasing to the Bearcat instructor. Come on gang, let's get that old fighting spirit that the football men had.

No one knows of all the trouble that is necessary for the College to get in practice on a decent court. As the high School court is occupied at all hours during the day, it is necessary that the Bearcats do their practicing after supper. Asked if he favored night practice. Lawrence was emphatic in his condemnation of it, but said that it was the only thing left for him to do. Each night the men are compelled to carry their suits back and forth to practice as well as all the balls and other material necessary to a practice of about fifteen men. It's hard, boys, but nothing good ever comes free. The man who would amount to something in athletics must be willing to sacrifice a great many things that the boys who never do anything for the old school, can have. It's worth it in the end.

From Sheridan comes one Frank Crane, last year a member of Lawrence's squad, and this year being instructed in the art of playing center. He is not entirely accustomed to the place as yet, but is learning fast. Lawrence says he is making the most improvement of any of the men. Last year Lawrence worked him as relief for Captain Kirby, back guard. Crane's eye for the basket is good, and if he would just cut loose and do it, Lawrence says he will make the first five. Here is hoping he will help carry the burden at least until his fellow townsman, Aldrich returns.

Aldrich is not back for the vacation instruction. However, he intends to be back in the game by the first of February, and remembering the fine determination with which Aldrich was wont to charge up and down the floor either taking the ball away from the opposition or else starting an offensive rally, here is one who believes that if he intends being back in the game, he will be there.

The Hillyard game in which Aldrich suffered his broken collar bone, also gave little "Doc" Pierpoint a bad elbow. However, "Doc" has been sticking to practice and right now looks as if he will make the first five. The elbow gets a knock in scrimmage every once in a while but he keeps going. He is fast, shifty and clever and shows much improvement over last year.

One wonders if professional basketball will go the way that professional football and baseball seem to be going. There is no doubt that the pro football man and the league baseball man as a rule has none of that fine sportsmanship that is paramount in college athletics. Let us hope that it will not. In spite of the fact that most of the pro basketball teams are made up of former University stars, it seems that it does not take long for them to forget the little fine points of sportsmanship in the all absorbing desire to win. There is no doubt that a man playing for money cannot play with the same ideal in mind as when he plays for his Alma Mater.

The High School Spoofhounds are again hard at work under the direction of Coach Ebert. The human hairpin, "Fox" Kissinger, is still in possession of his seven league boots and is dropping them in from all angles of the court. He seems to be greatly worried about the opposing centers out-jumping him, and has asked Ebert to please lower the backboards as he is afraid that he can't get the ball up to the basket.

Ebert is going to have a bunch of scrappers and they show every indication of being developed into a good machine. We predict a victory in their opening engagement.

Coach Lawrence's squad is at present composed of the following men: Denton Peoples, forward of Skidmore; Gordon Joy, guard, Ravenwood; Forrest Smith, guard, Pickering; Frank Crane, center and forward, Sheridan; "Doc" Pierpoint, forward, Skidmore; Ray Houston, forward, Pickering; Russell Culp, guard and Ray Bloomfield, center of New Hampton; Cartwright, guard, Maitland; Morris Chick, forward, and Vodre Willoughby, guard, Maryville.

Middle West Football Is Superior to West

Notre Dame Defeats the Heavier Leland Stanford Team by a Score of 27 to 10 Yesterday

In an intersectional football clash at the Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Cal., yesterday the undefeated Notre Dame team defeated the Leland Stanford University aggregation by a score of 27 to 10.

Leland Stanford scored first by the place kick route, Knute Rekene, soon sent in his "four horsemen," and the scenes changed. The four horsemen advanced the ball down the field seventy yards for a touchdown. During the game the Notre Dame backfield men intercepted two of the Stanford's passes and raced for touchdowns and one scooped up a fumble and ran for another touchdown. The Stanford's one touchdown came indirectly from the results of a forward pass.

In the beginning of the fourth quarter Glenn Warner's team, champions of the Pacific Coast, advanced the ball to within six inches of the goal line by line plunges but here the Irish were staunch and held.

The statistics of the game show that Notre Dame was superior in punting and relied on speed and unusual football sense against the heavier coast team. Leland Stanford gained more yardage by the forward pass route, but it proved disastrous in the effect that the Rockne men were able to counter attack the movements and gained two touchdowns by intercepting the ball.

4,000 Acres Bought by Game Department

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Jan. 2.—The state fish and game department has purchased another tract, consisting of 4,000 acres, on which is located Big Springs one of the largest springs in the Ozarks, it was learned yesterday. The land is about three and one-half miles south of Van Buren, Carter county, and was purchased at $4.50 an acre. The deal, however, is held up by the temporary injunction brought against the purchase of state parks.

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Pumpkin	Solid Pack 3-No. 1 cans	25c
Creamo	Churned in Cream Pound Carton	25c
Brooms	Our leader, four seams hard wood handle, each ..... or 3 for $1.00.	35c
Buckwheat	Wisconsin Best 10 lb sack	59c
Syrup	Staleys Maple Flavored 5 lb Pail	40c
Potatoes	Home Grown Per bu.	75c
Peanut Butter	Ideal Brand 5lb. Pail	85c
Rolled Oats	Made from best white Oats, large size cartons	21c
Crisco	1lb.--1 1-2lb 3lbs or 6lb. Can per lb.	23c
Malt	Puritan Brand Hop Flavored Qut Cans	58c
Corn Meal	White Fresh Ground, 10lb.	40c
Shorts	Plenty for Saturday Customers	Bran

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COLLECTIONS TAKE SLUMP

ARE LOWER FOR DECEMBER PAST THAN YEAR AGO.

BIGGER CITY BALANCE

City Water Department Fund Continues to Increase—Payment 2nd Water Bond Coming Due.

City tax collections for December, 1924, fell below the collections for the same month in the two previous years. This may be accounted for because the total tax levied for 1924 was lower than for 1922 and 1923. Last month $24,623.56 was collected by the city, according to the city collector's report at the council meeting last night. During December, 1923, the peak was reached for the three years mentioned, as collections totaled $32,051.72, and in 1922 the collections were $27,201.67.

However, the Mayor's report for December shows that the city had a larger balance on hand on January 1, 1925 out of which to pay the December bills, than was on hand at this time a year ago, and is much larger than was on hand December 1, 1924, out of which the November bills were paid.

In Mayor W. O. Garrett's report of the city's financial status to the city council last night he showed a balance of $72,794.20 on hand, out of which the bills for December will be paid. At the same time last year there was a balance in the city funds amounting to $55,349.80, while on December 1, 1924, the city's balance was only $48,134.87. The big influx for the December receipts can be accounted for to the taxes which have been paid during December.

Another noticeable feature of the Mayor's report is the fact that the city water department fund is steadily mounting. There was a balance on hand last night in the city water department funds of $23,189.29. The month previous it was $21,848, which at that time was the highest point it had ever reached. A year ago Mayor Garrett reported to the council in his December's report a balance of $11,336.93 in the water fund.

The city collecter's report for December shows that of the $24,623.56 that was collected during the post month, it is divided into the following funds:

General tax, $12,105.65; street lighting, $1,615.42; library tax, $2,019.13; first water bond principal, $4,036.14; first water bond interest, $808.96; second water bond principal, $2,019.13; second water bond interest, $2,019.13.

Mr. Garrett's report to the city council of the city funds is as follows:

Water department, $23,189.29; $10,000 of this is on time deposits; street fund, $740.06; library, $4,274.55; general fund, $19,167.41; first water bond principal, $9,251; street workers guarantee fund, $251; first water bond interest, $4,070.30; street lighting, $6,973.23; second water bond principal, $2,633.26; second water bond interest, $2,219.13; petty cash, $24.97; making a total of $72,794.20.

Out of the first water bond principal fund a payment of $6,000 bonds will be paid by the city which came due December 15. There remains about $48,000 yet to be paid off by the city in this series for bonds floated when the city water plant was improved several years ago.

The second water bond payment will come due on February 15, Mayor Garrett said this morning. This payment will be $2,500 which will come out of the second water bond principal fund which now has a balance, according to the report made last night, of $2,633.26.

The report of the City Public Library for the month of December was read last night at the council meeting, prepared by the librarian, Miss Grace Langan. It is:

Loan department: juvenile, 490; general, 1,294; magazines, 101; a total of 1,885, or an average a day of 75. There were twenty-one readers' cards issued, 1,525 readers used the reading rooms during the month, an average of fifty-one a day. Collections totaled $21.71.

Claude Stultz reported collections of $24.17 from the city scales. The police judge report of Mayor W. O. Garrett included two cases in police court, one for intoxication and the other for possession and transportation of intoxicating liquor. Fines were assessed at $120 and costs totaled $11.30. Of the fines imposed $55 was collected and all the costs were paid.

Phares to Confer with G. O. P. Solons

W. F. Phares, chairman of the Republican State Committee, will leave Saturday night for Jefferson City to attend a meeting of the Republican representatives-elect to be held Monday night in the house lounge room. Mr. Phares called this meeting for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the house. The house of representatives is Republican by six.

Mr. Phares will remain in Jefferson City for the convening of the legislature at noon, Wednesday, January 7. He expects to return home next Thursday and will again go to Jefferson City to attend the inauguration of Samuel A. Baker as governor, on Monday, Jan. 12.

AUTO PLATES ISSUED HERE

C. OF C. TO HANDLE BUSINESS FOR 1925

AVAILABLE ON FEB. 1

$10,000 Bond Required For Manager of Office—Directors to Make Necessary Arrangements Soon

Automobile license plates for 1925 will be handled by the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, according to a letter received today by William F. Phares from Charles U. Becker, secretary of state. Mr. Becker writes it will be necessary for the Chamber of Commerce to decide immediately who is to handle the office so as a bond for $10,000 can be given. The state pays the premium on the bond.

In his letter to Mr. Phares, Mr. Becker says:

"You understand that the legislature makes no appropriation for clerical hire or office rent."

A blank bond to be filled out accompanied the letter and a request was made to return it at once as they desire to begin shipping plates from St. Louis to the different collection points.

The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce will meet soon to make arrangements to handle this business. The license plates will be sold at the club offices and sufficient plates will be secured to take care of all auto owners in Northwest Missouri.

Last year the license plates were sold by the branch office here of the Missouri Automobile club. This office was discontinued a few months ago.

The 1925 license plates will be ready for distribution here February 1.

Unremitting Gales Continue Over England

Have Made Holiday Season One of Terror—Danger in Flooded Areas Increased by Rain

London, Jan. 2—Unremitting gales and winds which have made the holidays a season of terror for coast towns and riverside points continued today with a ninety-mile gale sweeping England. A steady twelve-hour rain has increased the flooded areas over England. Air services cancelled schedules and cross-channel boats were unable to sail.

Raupp Is Endorsed for National Office

All National Guard Officers Stationed In Maryville Send Letters To Senators and Congressman.

Brig.-Gen. William A. Raupp, commanding the national guard of Missouri, has been endorsed for the position as Chief of the Military Bureau at Washington, D. C., by all the national guard officers stationed in Maryville.

Letters of commendation of the services of General Raupp to the National Guard of Missouri have been sent by the local officers to Senators James A. Reed and Seldon P. Spencer as well as to Congressman Charles L. Faust of the fourth Missouri district.

Appointed Curator

Mrs. Blanche E. Cline was appointed as curator of the estate of her son, Russell A. Cline, by Judge Jesse F. Robertson, of the Probate Court, yesterday.

Miss Treva Phipps went to St. Joseph this morning to visit her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Paris Phipps, for a few days.

AUTO OWNERS PAY $24,600

THIS IS ESTIMATE BY LOCAL DEALERS.

$40 DAILY GAS TAX

Is Based On Sale of 2,000 Gallons Daily—Increase In Licenses To Yield About $10,000.

Automobile owners in Maryville and vicinity will pay in to the state highway department approximately $14,600 in taxes on gasoline purchased during 1925, it was estimated today by local dealers.

In addition they will pay in approximately $10,000 to the state highway department for the increase of 50 per cent in license fees effective February 1.

This makes an estimated total of $24,600 which the highway department will receive from automobile owners in Maryville and vicinity under the provisions of Proposal No. 5, which was adopted at the November election.

The figures for Nodaway County could not be estimated due to the large number of dealers in the various towns and the indefinite number of automobiles outside of Maryville.

The estimate of the amount of gasoline tax is based upon the assumption that there are 2,000 gallons of gasoline sold daily in Maryville. This is considered a fair estimate by the local dealers and it is thought that this is a good average for the year.

Summer, of course, is the heavy season for filling stations and other gasoline dealers. Some days there may be 5,000 or 6,000 gallons of gasoline sold. Autumn is considered the next best season of the year. The spring months rank third and winter is the lightest season of all. Averaging up all the seasons, however, it is thought that 2,000 gallons daily is a fair average.

The 2-cent tax is applicable to every purchaser of gasoline, regardless of whether or not it is to be used in automobiles or trucks. However, tailors and others exempt will receive refunds from the state department if they file their claims within ninety days after the purchase.

All filling station operators and other gasoline dealers must make reports to the state department every month and account for every gallon of gasoline sold and make payment of the tax collected from the consumers.

The 2-cent tax went into effect yesterday and the increased automobile license fees will become effective February 1 when the owner secures his 1925 plate.

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 2—Gasoline filling stations were virtually swamped today and extra attendants had to be added to accommodate the "gasoline bootleggers" who were driving across the line to escape the 2-cent gasoline tax which went into effect in Missouri yesterday.

Declares Man Can't Kidnap His Own Wife

Clay County Judge Makes Ruling Today In Divorce Case of Excelsior Springs Theater Man.

Excelsior Springs, Jan. 2.—Holding that a man cannot kidnap his own wife, Justice Charles Chinn this morning continued the hearing of Oscar Olson, motion picture theater man, charged with having kidnapped his divorced wife from the home of her step-father, Charles Berry, early in December.

The continuance came when Judge Ralph Hughes of the county court at Liberty this morning set February 2 as the date for the hearing on Olson's petition to set aside the divorce on the grounds that it was obtained through coercion and fraud on the part of Berry.

Judge Hughes informed attorneys for the state and defense that if he ruled aside the divorce, Mrs. Olson was still Olson's wife and it would automatically end the kidnapping case. Olson's petition is the forerunner of steps against Berry, attorneys said.

Mrs. Wilbur Ghormley of Kansas City returned home yesterday after a several weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hepburn of Hopkins, and her sisters, Mrs. D. E. Hotchkin and Mrs. George Fred Davis, of Maryville.

Watch Out Mr. Rabbit, You are in Danger Now

With the passing, temporarily at least, of the golf season which tends to decrease one's ability to tell the truth at all times, comes the snowfall which brings out the rabbit hunters in full force. This matter of capturing the elusive little cottontail has also its disadvantages in the aftermath of relating the exact number captured.

The members of the Men's Bible Class of the First Christian Church will hold their annual rabbit hunt next Thursday, and even these men sometimes mishandle the truth when it comes to stating exactly the number of rabbits they killed.

Albert Mercer and Will Trullinger are the captains of the two teams which will participate in the hunt next Thursday and every member of this Bible class is not only urged but urged to take part in the hunt, providing he can make a good account of himself afterward.

Following the hunt next Thursday, a big rabbit supper will be served at the church next Friday night and the annual business meeting of the class will be held at that time.

FRANCE MAKES NEW PROPOSAL

PROVIDES NINETY-YEAR TERM OF PAYMENT.

BRITAIN SPEAKS UP

Makes "Informal Suggestion" That Paris Government Have Some Reparations Understanding With England.

Paris, Jan. 2.—France "considers itself on the threshhold of conversation with America on the subject of the Franco-American debt."

The foreign office in making this statement today added that while the note of the Finance Minister Climentel to the United States is not binding and is only semi-official, it serves as a point of departure of negotiations.

Climentel suggests a ten-year period of moratorium, after which payments would cover a period of ninety years with interest at one-half of 1 per cent. All payments would be completed at the end of the ninety years.

The full text of the note will be made public, it is said, following a conference in Paris next week between Climental and Winston Churchill, British Chancellor.

London, Jan. 2.—Great Britain has made an "informal suggestion" to the United States government that when France begins making payments on its debt to the United States "it shall make equal and simultaneous payments to England."

This information was learned in unofficial quarters today. The British "suggestion" is said to make no mention of the question of moratorium for France, or a lower interest rate than England is paying America.

McClintock Probe Is at An Official End

Report Declares Nothing Abnormal Is Found in Examination of Vital Organs of Millionaire Orphan.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—The McClintock death probe went into official collapse today with the formal announcement of Coroner Oscar Wolff that "nothing abnormal had been found within the examination of the vital organs of William McClintock." The statement was made after an examination of the report of Dr. McNally, coroner's chemist, who conducted the examination of McClintock's exhumed body.

Fite Pleads Guilty; Fine of $5 Is Imposed

Merle Fite, who gave bond in police court in sum of $300 on charge of disturbing peace and his trial set for next Tuesday, appeared before Mayor W. O. Garrett today and pleaded guilty to the charge. Mayor Garrett imposed a fine of $5 and costs of $6.

Mrs. Leo Sturm went to Fillmore today to assist in caring for her nephew, Leroy Collins, who is ill of pneumonia.

PUBLISHERS IN RATE VICTORY

ADMINISTRATION SUFFERS DEFEAT IN POSTAL BILL.

ADOPT NEW SCHEDULE

Result of Storm of Opposition Against Measure Which Would Have Greatly Increased 2nd Class Rates.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Newspaper publishers won a sweeping victory today when the Senate postoffice committee adopted a new postal rate schedule, sharply reducing the administration's recommendations for increases on second class mail. The new rate bill will be reported to the Senate late this afternoon.

It was drafted as a compromise to meet the storm of opposition raised against the new schedules proposed by the postoffice department which would make the publishers bear the burden of the salary increase.

The new rates would become effective April 15 and would terminate automatically February 15, 1926. In the meantime, Congress would authorize a joint committee to study the rate situation and recommend a new permanent postal schedule.

The committee schedule would levy slight increases on some kinds of second class mail, reducing other existing second class rates and levying increases on both third and fourth class mail as well as special services such as special delivery and postal insurance.

On second class mail, the increase would apply only to the advertising portion of the publication and only then in the first and second zones. In the third, fourth and fifth zones, existing rates would be continued, while decreases would be effected in the sixth, seventh and eighth zones.

These reductions of present rates were agreed upon, it was said, in the hope of getting large magazine publishers to resume distant mail deliveries which of recent years have gone to private express companies.

The publishers also won a sweeping victory in the use of new second rates applying to the reading portion of the publications. In this class, the committee eliminated all preferential rates and prescribed a flat rate of 1 1-4 cents a pound for all publications. This was a reduction of one-fourth cent a pound for all publications conducted for profit, the rate having previously applied only to religious publications.

The department had recommended an increase of 2 cents a pound.

Washington, Jan. 2.—A temporary increase in postal rates, effective for a single year, appeared today as a compromise solution to the administration's problem of financing the sixty-eight-million-dollar wage advance to postal employes.

Under the plan, administration leaders would materially amend the postoffice department rate schedule in the Sterling bill, which would place the burden of payment upon American newspapers and magazines. The compromise would sharply reduce the department's recommendations for increases on second-class matter which apply to newspapers and other publications.

This action was virtually decided upon by administration leaders because of the great opposition leveled at the department's schedule by publishers and other large users of mail. This condemnation convinced administration leaders that the Sterling rates would never be enacted into law.

National Capital Is Under Snow Blanket

Eight Inches Fall In Washington Early This Morning—Is Heaviest Since Knickerbocker Theater Disaster.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The heaviest snow since that which caused the famous Knickerbocker theater collapse disaster three years ago blanketed the national capitol today, forcing virtual suspension of street car traffic and generally tieing up the city. Early this morning eight inches of snow had fallen and a stiff wind had piled up huge drifts in the outlying sections.

Miss Remus Leaves Sunday.

Miss Margaret Remus, who has been spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Remus, will leave Sunday morning to resume her studies at the University of Missouri.

"Lost" Convict Is Found in Chicago

Escapes From Penitentiary at Jefferson City Last July by Crawling Out Through Sewer Pipe.

Jefferson City, Jan. 2.—Walter Holub, 19, who puzzled prison officials here when he dropped out of sight in the prison yard last July, has been captured in Chicago, according to word received here from Chicago today. Officers later discovered that Holub made an entrance to a sewer where convicts were doing some work and had simply walked to liberty almost in full view of guards and convicts. Holub had to crawl eight hundred feet to liberty. It was thought he had been caught in the sewer and for days the pipes were tapped in an effort to discover the body.

DECEMBER IS COLD MONTH

TEMPERATURE 9.2 DEGREES BELOW NORMAL.

VARIATION IS GREAT

Highest Is 54 Above and Lowest Is 20 Below—Mean for Month Just Closing Is 21.1.

Moderate temperatures prevailed during the first half of December, but the latter half of the month was extremely cold with below zero readings on eight mornings, the minimum temperature being twenty below on the 28th, according to the monthly report of J. R. Brink, official weather observer.

The mean temperature for the month was 21.1, which is 9.2 degrees below normal. The warmest December on record was in 1896, when the temperature averaged thirty-four degrees above zero. The coldest on record was in 1909, when the temperature averaged 10.2 degrees.

The highest temperature during the month just closing was 54 on December 12 and 15. The highest single-day December temperature on record is 69 on December 13, 1906. The lowest single-day December temperature on record was twenty-one below on December 10, 1919.

The precipitation during the month just closing amounted to 2.72 inches with 6 inches of snowfall. The greatest snowfall on record was eighteen inches in 1911.

There were twelve clear days, four partly cloudy and fifteen cloudy during the month, Mr. Brink's records show.

Elks to Give Show Here January 21-22

Musical Comedy "Kathleen" to be Staged at Empire—Cast to be Announced Soon

The Maryville Elks Club has made arrangements with the John B. Rogers Producing Co. of Fostoria, Ohio, who make a specialty of staging amateur productions, to stage their well known musical comedy, "Kathleen," at the Empire Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday January 21 and 22.

The Elks Club under whose auspices this play will be given is busily engaged organizing committees, securing talent and getting everything in shape for the beginning of rehearsals, which will be announced at a later date.

This should be one of the big events of the year in amateur theatricals owing to the fact that "Kathleen" is not only full of tuneful music but contains a plot that is very consistent and holds the attention of the audience from the beginning of the opening chorus to the final curtain. The music for "Kathleen" was written by Clayton Hotchkiss, who is now head of the music department of Harvard University, and who is very prominent in musical circles of the East, while the book and lyrics were written by Luther A. Yantis, who is well known to many theatre goers as he not only has had several years of experiences on the professional stage, but has written some very funny comedies and one-act plays which have been staged by several companies throughout the United States.

Announce Birth of Son.

Mr. and Mrs. Vilas Pope of Marshfield, Ore., announce the birth of a son Tuesday, December 23. Mr. Pope is a brother of Misses Hazel and Goldya Pope of Maryville.

REV. FLEMING IS NOT COMING

BAPTIST CHURCH IS STILL WITHOUT PASTOR.

MEETING NEXT WEEK

Pulpit Committee Is Endeavoring To Find Minister for Local Church —Has Man In Mind Now.

The Rev. O. D. Fleming of Sweetwater, Tenn., who was unanimously elected pastor of the First Baptist Church here by the congregation several weeks ago, will be unable to accept the call to the Maryville church, according to an announcement today.

The Baptist Church at Sweetwater, Tenn., is very elated with the Reverend Mr. Fleming and his work there and the official board felt like it could not accept his resignation. The congregation also insisted that he remain in Sweetwater and due to these reasons he is unable to accept the pastorate here.

The pulpit committee of the Baptist Church here is endeavoring to secure a minister and already has one in view. He will probably be here next week, but at the present time is confined to his home with illness.

He is pastor of a Baptist Church in North Missouri and has made a great success in his present location.

Further announcements will be made within the next few days.

Finish Wiring at the County Farm Yesterday

The electric wiring of the buildings at the county farm was completed yesterday afternoon by E. L. Padgette and two assistants.

All told drops and fixtures were installed for 104 electric bulbs. Thirty-three switches were installed, among which were four master switches and eight sets of three-way switches.

The house, barn, hen house, and garage were wired and a light placed on a pole in the yard.

Three men have been working fifteen days on the job.

To Chillicothe Business College.

Miss Anna Parle will leave tomorrow for Chillicothe, where she will enter the Chillicothe Business College for a two months' course. Her position in the office of the Walton Trust Company will be filled by Mrs. S. M. Stanley during her absence.

Guests at Cooper Home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Allen of Kansas City and their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen of Columbia, S. C., are visiting in Maryville today with Mrs. Thomas Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen, Sr., They have been visiting another daughter, Mrs. Marion Minter, and family, in Burlington Junction.

Miss Lynch to Rochester, Minn.

Miss Nelle Lynch, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. K. C. Cummins, and Dr. Cummins, left this afternoon for Rochester, Minn., to undergo treatment at the Mayo clinic. Miss Lynch was taken to St. oJseph in the Cummins-Wray ambulance.

J. F. Montgomery Down Town.

J. F. Montgomery made his first trip down town today since his recent serious illness. He is very much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hulet returned Monday night from Oklahoma City, Okla., where they spent the holidays with their daughters, Misses Dale, Wave and Arlie Hulet.

Mr and Mrs. P. M. Gallagher and children of Houston, Texas, will return to Maryville this evening from Stanberry where they have been visiting Mr. Gallagher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gallagher, and his sister, Mrs. Andy Thompson.

Warranty Deed.

The following warranty deed was filed for record today:

Mollie Cox to Clyde Long and Paul Royston, lot 5, block 2, Linville's addition to Graham, for $2,000 consideration.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday; not so cold tonight in the extreme west portion, rising temperature Saturday.

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN NODAWAY COUNTY.

WHERE THE LAW BREAKS DOWN

Charles Ribaste was convicted of taking part in the robbery of a Kansas City bank messenger two years ago and was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. The chief evidence against him was the discovery in his safe deposit box of 197 new $5 bills that were part of the loot. The box was searched by federal narcotic agents at the request of Kansas City police. A federal narcotic search warrant was used.

The conviction has just been set aside by the supreme court of Missouri and the case has been remanded for a new trial. This action is not because there was any doubt of Rebastic's guilt. It is on the ground that the trial court erred in admitting as evidence the stolen money, because the loot had been discovered by the use of an illegal search warrant. The court held the police should have applied for a state search warrant, and that a narcotic search warrant should not have been used.

Kansas City is suffering from a crime wave that has made life and property unsafe. The city has been so wrought up that a mass meeting of leading civic organizations was held a few days ago to consider what safety measures could be taken. One of the chief points made by the speakers was that the processes of the courts were so slow and uncertain that the judicial system had broken down as a protection to the community against crime.

Here is a conspicious illustration. The law and practice in this state are such that a robber caught with the loot and duly convicted is saved from punishment, for the time at least, through a technical point as to how the evidence was obtained! The decision recalls the famous case in which a conviction was set aside by the supreme court of Missouri because the indictment said the crime was committed "against the peace and dignity of state" instead of "against the peace and dignity of the state."

The people of Missouri look to the legislature for such changes in the judicial system as shall make that system a protection to society, not a refuge for criminals. They look for such changes as shall permit the conviction of criminals to stand unless there is substantial reason to believe injustice has been done. They look for such changes as shall make a case at law a proceeding for the doing of justice, not a contest between lawyers as to which side shall score a decision on technical points.—Kansas City Times.

Fred Walker Dies Following Operation

(Burlington Junction Post.)

Word was received here Wednesday of the death of Fred Walker which took place in California. The message just stated that Mr. Walker had died following an operation, and no particulars were given, and none had been up to the time The Post went to press this afternoon.

Mr. Walker and his family left here some three months ago and drove through to California. They located in that state at Beaumont and he had employment there in the oil fields.

No word had been received of Mr. Walker's illness by relatives here, so it is supposed to have attacked him suddenly. He is survived by the widow and several children. He was a brother of Frank, John and Earl Walker of this place, and had lived here for many years before his removal to California and the family had many friends who were shocked when news of his sudden death was received.

The burial took place in California and two of the daughters who reside in Kansas City attended the funeral.

Miss May Sturm returned Wednesday from Skidmore where she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pfeiffer and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brown for a few days.

Miss Olive Woodward of Cainsville, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. L. St. Clair.

De Musy New President of Swiss Republic.

JEAN M. DE MUSY.

Jean Marie de Musy has been elected as new President of the Republic of Switzerland and assumes office this week. His term is for a year only.

Six High Postal Heads Suspended

Investigation Follows Report of "Bribery" To Push Salary Legislation.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Six responsible postal officials in as many cities have been suspended, an employe of the senate postoffice committee has resigned as a result of an official investigation into the use of money to influence postal pay legislation.

The officials suspended all are members of the legislative committee of the National Association of Postal Supervisors, and held some of the most important positions in the postal service.

They are: Peter McGurty, acting superintendent of mails, New York City, who has been in service twenty-seven years.

James M. Greig, postal cashier, Boston, in service seventeen years.

Peter Wiggle, acting postmaster, Detroit, in service thirty-four years.

Harvey M. Tittle, assistant postmaster, Springfield, O., in service twenty-five years.

J. J. Fields, superintendent of mails, Louisville, in service thirty-three years.

William Swanson, assistant superintendent of delivery, Chicago, in service thirty-six years.

The discharged employe was E. H. McDermott, assistant clerk of the senate committee, who is described in a report of postal inspectors as the central figure in an arrangement by which he received $2,600 to work for the interests of the Association of Postal Supervisors.

Frederick C. Riedesel, clerk of the house committee, was declared in the report to have been presented with a "gift" of 1 thousand dollars by the Supervisors' association, and he announced yesterday that because of "the unhappy notoriety" connected with the investigation he had resigned.

The investigation was undertaken by the postoffice department after Postmaster General New had conferred with President Coolidge.

Lightning causes many a serious fire loss.

Your property should be safeguarded in every possible way, but in spite of all precautions there are some fire dangers that you cannot guard against. It is imperative that you make sure of your investment by carrying adequate fire insurance.

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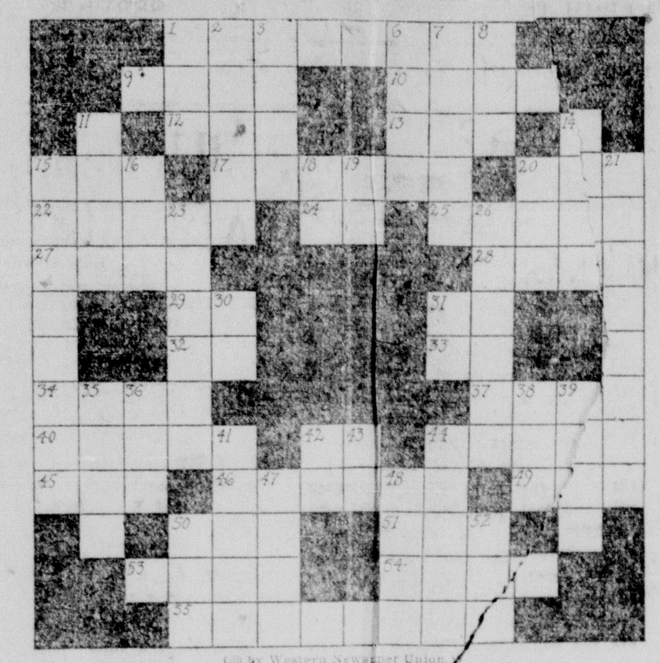

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Horizontal.

1—Glaring
9—King of the beasts
10—Lure
12—Expressing negation
13—End of day
15—Drain
17—Midday nap
20—To affect with pain
22—Staring
24—Proceed
25—Cowboy's rope
27—Roman emperor
28—Beehive (abbr.)
29—Perform
31—Like
32—Not out
33—Greek letter
34—South American Indian
37—Fear
40—Small divan
42—Near
44—Pray
45—Possessed
46—For a short time
49—A boy
50—Period of time
51—Consumed
53—Stage
54—Variety of apple
55—One who hires workers

Vertical.

1—Appendage of a fish
2—Not tight
3—Opposed to
4—Encourage
7—Pertaining to a fleet of ships
8—To make a knot
9—Salary
11—To get up
15—Picnic delicacy
16—Equal
18—For example (abbr.)
19—Thus
20—Inquire
21—Crooked
23—Imaginary belt in the heavens
26—Confirm
30—Over
31—Part of "to be"
35—Biblical character
36—Food brought back to be chewed second time by an animal
38—Unit of measurement
43—Tidy
41—Woman's quarters in a Mohammedan residence
42—Ejaculation
43—Titanium (abbr.)
44—Unit of length
47—To twist out of shape
48—Resembling lace
50—The first woman
52—Organ of hearing

The solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Puzzle No. 13.

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Former Mrs. Peck Tells How Gossip Assailed Her and Woodrow Wilson

How easily gossip starts is demonstrated by Mary Allen Hulbert, formerly Mrs. Peck, in her reminiscences concerning Woodrow Wilson in this week's Liberty. The incident occurred in Bermuda, and she narrates it in describing the friendship between herself and the War President. The friendship was made the subject of whispered gossip for years, and Mrs. Peck's present series of articles are written in large part to refute these slanders.

"Thus the man I met in Bermuda," she says, "with whom I walked the lovely coral strand and strolled side by side through endless oleanders. He was given to reading aloud from the Oxford Book, much, upon one occasion, to the dismay of a lady who, passing where we sat, heard his voice, but did not see that he was reading and not speaking in extemporaneous fervor.

"I chanced that he was reading for my benefit Alice Meynell's The Shepherdess:

'She holds her little thoughts in sight,
Though gay they run and leap.
She is so circumspect and right;
She has her soul to keep.
She walks—the lady of my delight—
A shepherdess of sheep.'

"Tender, yes; but hardly erotic, nor by any means measures of passion. Yet the passing woman must have caught 'The lady of my delight,' and presto the colony was ablaze with the news that Woodrow Wilson was calling me the lady of his delight."

Mrs. Hulbert's reminiscences also reveal Woodrow Wilson's private opinions of Theodore Roosevelt and William Jennings Bryan, at the time of his first presidential campaign.

"There is nothing very new in politics except Mr. Roosevelt," Mrs. Hulbert quotes Woodrow Wilson as saying. "He is always new, being bound by nothing in Heaven above nor in earth below. He is now rampant and diligently employed in splitting his party wide open. Mr. Roosevelt appeals to their (the voters') imagination; I do not. He is a real, vivid person, for whom they have shouted themselves hoarse and voted, millions strong. Mr. Roosevelt never works the heart out of himself. I honestly doubt if he has a heart for anybody but himself."

His appraisal of Bryan is equally trenchant.

"Mr. Bryan has devoted himself to creating and maintaining an immense personal influence and to nothing else."

is Mrs. Hulbert's quotations concerning the Peerless Leader. "With him causes have been merely means to an end for the past years, and even now no one may supplant him who will not deliberately enter the lists against him and do likewise, with this great difference—devote himself to principles, to ideas, to definite programs, and not to personal preferment. In brief, he must be a man with a cause, not a candidacy."

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

A Joint Installation for W. R. C. and G. A. R

There will be a joint installation of the officers of the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief Corps at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post rooms at 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

N. Sisson, the retiring commander of the G. A. R. will be the installing officer of the G. A. R. ceremonies. The announcement was made today by the adjutant W. H. Hudson.

ELECTRIC THEATRE

Night, 7:30-9:00 — Admission 10c and 30c

Matinee Saturday, 2:30 and 4:10.

TONIGHT ONLY—JOHN GILBERT in "ROMANCE RANCH."
Also International News.

SATURDAY, JAN. 3rd—
James Kirkwood and Alma Rubens in
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Can the ship of Matrimony sail safely without Love at the helm? Also a two reel western, "A RACE FOR A RANCH."

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SOCIETY NOTES

Mercer Guests.

The New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mercer yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Will Trullinger and Mr. and Mrs. John Whitehead.

Hosts at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Neville entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner Monday evening when their guests included Miss Kitty Taylor of Oakland, Cal.; Mrs. Wilbur Lawler and son, Junior, of Lincoln, Neb.; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells and children, Eugene, Forrest, Margaret Marie, and Geraldine.

Goforth Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goforth, 304 East Cooper street, entertained with a 12 o'clock dinner New Year's Day for the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Davis, and sons, Harry and Mark, of Hopkins; and her brother, Bert Davis, and family, of Kansas City.

New Year's Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Appleby entertained at a New Year's dinner for her sister, Mrs. W. W. Billings, and Dr. Billings and children, Edgar and Louise, of Troy, Ill.; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Watson, Robert Gallagher and Cloys Appleby. The visitors left last night for their home after a holiday visit with Mrs. Billings' parents and sister.

Archer Watch Party.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Archer of Bedison entertained a small number of friends at a New Year's watch party. The evening was spent in games and at a late hour a luncheon was served by the hostess. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Claude Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Thompson, Leland Thompson, Helen Bell, Donald Roach, Lester Newcomer, George Fannon, Evelyn Bell, Frank Bell, Bessie Williams, and the hosts and children, Elaine, R. E., Jr., and Wayne.

C. C. Club

The C. C. Club of the Swallow district met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Otis Lyle. Needlework and a radio program were the diversions of the afternoon. Guests at the meeting were Mrs. Anna Fox and Miss Minnie Fox. The members present were Mrs. Sherman Heflin, Mrs. Alva Heflin, Mrs Charles Epperson, Mrs. Edison Blagg, Mrs. Charles Shamberger and Mrs. J. D. Mutz.

Merry Mingler Club.

Members of the Merry Mingler Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Rube Ross yesterday afternoon. The time was spent socially and in a guessing contest Miss Katie Mercer won the prize. Following the business session lunch was served. Mrs. Roy Schulte will be hostess at an afternoon meeting on January 15. The following members and guests were present: Mrs. Fred Wallace, Mrs. Verlin Conley, Mrs. Henry Smock, Mrs. Emma Booth, Mrs. Mary McElwee, Mrs. Russell Smock, Mrs. Roy Schulte, Mrs. A. B. Steins, Mrs. Fisher Mercer, Mrs. Henry F. Jaeger, Mrs. A. Marsh, Mrs. Lee Haigwood, Mrs. John Wallace, Mrs. Tom Tallon, Misses Edith Marsh, Minnie Jaeger, Mina Armstrong, Genevieve Tallon, Katie Mercer, Mrs. Lester McKillip, Mrs. Logan Strong, Mrs. Clarence Hilsenbeck, Bernadine and Margaret Jaeger, Pauline Ross, Marjorie Conley, Evelyn Marsh, Betty Ann Schulte, Fisher Mercer, Verlin Conley, Lee Haigwood, Russell Smock, Rube Ross and the hostess.

Mercer Watch Party.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mercer entertained twenty guests at a watch party New Year's eve at their home on North Mulberry street. Rook was played at five tables and after the games refreshments were served. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Whitehead, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Swanson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Trullinger, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyle, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Appleby, Mrs. E. F. Hamlin, Ervilla Trullinger, Isabel Hamlin, Mary Katherine Shannon, J. W. Shannon and Harry Mason Lyle.

Rockford Community Club.

The Rockford Community Club held an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. J. R. Evans yesterday. After a morning spent with comfort tacking dinner in cafeteria style was served. An exchange of gifts and a talk on "Diet for Children" by Miss Margaret Davison of the county health department were the afternoon features. The members present were Mrs. Jerry Fisher, Mrs. W. R. Wells, Mrs. W. C. Hogan, Mrs. Lester Reuksecker, Mrs. Ernest Baisum, Mrs. Cal Williams, Mrs. M. C. Williams, Miss Grace Williams, Miss Odessa Wells, Mrs. Homer Worl, Mrs. Alfred Jones, Mrs. Walter Smith, Mrs. Harry McDowell, and Mrs. Eugene Crawford. Mrs. Claude Neville, Mrs. James Evans and son and Miss Roberta Wells were the guests of the afternoon. The club will meet with Mrs. Claude Moore January 15.

For California Visitor.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hansen entertained with a 6 o'clock dinner New Year's day in honor of Walter Sherlock of Sacramento, Cal., who is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sherlock. Places were arranged for Mr. and Mrs. John Behm and daughter, Loretta, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Sherlock, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swaney and son, Harold, Morris and Joe Sherlock, the honor guest and hosts.

McGinness Family Reunion.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McGinness, southeast of Maryville, was the scene of a family reunion yesterday. Their eight children, except one daughter, Mrs. D. C. Adams, who lives in Aurora, Mo., were present at the reunion. In the company were M. D. McGinness of Salt Lake City, Utah; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McGinness and daughter of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Robert McGinness and children, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Moore and children, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. McGinness and children, Mrs. Harry Neidel and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Partridge and children.

Friendship Club.

The Friendship Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Furman Rogers yesterday afternoon. A short business meeting was held and the rest of the afternoon was spent in needlework. Assisting the hostess in serving refreshments was Mrs. Merle Millikan, who was a guest of the club. These members were present: Mrs. J. P. Cummings, Mrs. Banner Brummett, Mrs. Victor Ford, Mrs. F. W. Steele, Mrs. Harry Tilson, Mrs. Ernest Kessler and Mrs. L. R. Strong. Mrs. F. W. Steele, 310 East Cooper street, will be hostess to the club January 15.

B. T. W. Club Watch Party.

Members of the Xenia B. T. W. Club and their families enjoyed a watch party Wednesday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Otis. A program was given consisting of music, readings and a dialogue, "Brown's Unlucky Day." Refreshments of oysters, peaches and cake were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Ruth Florea. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lett, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Birkenholz, Mr. and Mrs. John Godsey, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swaney, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coleman, Ruth Florea, Lucile and Margaret Lett, Sylvia and Helen Marie Godsey, Dorothy Otis, Linwood Birkenholz, Merle Coleman, Raymond Lett, John Loch, Elbert Godsey, Donald Pistole, Harold Swaney and the hosts.

B. B. Club.

An all-day meeting of the B. B. Club of the Scudder district was held at the home of Miss Nellie Cox on South Main street yesterday. A delicious New Year's dinner was served, the hostess being assisted by her sisters, Mrs. Ed Russell and Miss Nettie Cox. Guests of the club were Mrs. Lee Devore, Mrs. Clifton Carnagey of Kansas City; Mrs. T. J. Hurley, Mrs. Ada Diem, Mrs. Charles Foster and daughter, Mildred, Mrs. Elmer Young and Miss Ruth Foster. The members present were Mrs. Frank Hull, Mrs. Marion Ripley, Mrs. Albert Carr, Mrs. Walter Brown and daughter, Aliee Marie, Mrs. Frank Gray and son, Curtis, Mrs. Don Kingery and daughter, Deloris, Mrs. John Erickson, Mrs. D. S. Moody and daughter, Virginia Lee, Mrs. Ed Russell, Mrs. Joe Skidmore, Misses Blanche and Mabel Ruth Erickson and Anna Stafford. The following officers were elected for the next six months: President, Mrs. Don Kingery; vice president, Mrs. Frank Gray; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Ben Neal; and corresponding secretary, Mrs. D. S. Moody. The club will hold an all-day meeting at the home of Mrs. Joe Skidmore on January 15.

MANGLED BY INFERNAL MACHINE

RUINS OF TORCHIA HOME, (Below) ERNEST TORCHIA & EMILY TORCHIA. NEA.

Ernest M. Torchia, prominent Los Angeles attorney, was badly mangled when a Christmas package he was opening exploded in his hands. He may die of his injuries. Police believe he was the victim of a blackhand plot. Miss Emily Torchia, his eighteen-year-old daughter, escaped injury, although she stood at his side as he opened the package. A member of the detective department is shown above seeking clues to the sender of the deadly parcel

Bloomdale W. W. Club.

The Bloomdale Willing Workers Club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Clarence Copeland. The afternoon was spent in quilting after which refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Orville Gray and Mrs. Lee Birkenholz, who was a guest of the club. The members present were Mrs. Claire Conley, Mrs. Orville Gray, Mrs. Tom Latimer, Mrs. Parl Runnels, Mrs. Edmund Harvey, Mrs. Walter Runnels, Mrs. Jewell Birkenholz, Mrs. Guy Pfeiffer and the hostess. The club will meet with Mrs. Alvin Gray January 15.

L. A. W. Club.

The regular meeting of the Myrtle Tree L. A. W. Club was held at the home of Mrs. J. H. Neal yesterday afternoon. After the business meeting the afternoon was spent socially. Misses Lila Dowden, Lula Dowden, and Esther and Pearl Neal were guests and the members present were Mrs. Albert Dowden, Mrs. Jess Dowden, Mrs. Clarence Dowden and Mrs. Forrest Dowden. The club will meet with Mrs. W. H. Freece January 15 when roll call will be answered by Bible verses.

Herron Homemaking Circle.

Members of the Herron Homemaking Circle, their families, and a number of additional guests were entertained yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Willhoyte on West Fourth street. A dinner in cafeteria style was served at noon. During the afternoon the members pieced quilt blocks for the hostess and there was a New Year's gift exchange. An all-day meeting of the club will be held January 14 with Mrs. J. C. F. Taylor and her daughter, Miss Mary Taylor. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Porter and daughter, Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. F. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Vert, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Deardorff, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest McDowell, Mr. and Mrs. Orb Griffey, Mrs. Harry Fisher and daughter, Helen Charlene, Mrs. S. E. Fisher, Mrs. V. A. Guthrie, Mrs. Charles Garrett, Misses Ella O'Grady, Grace Fisher, Kitty Taylor, Dorothy and Marie Lyons, Leora Willhoyte, Sarah and Thelma Garrett and Mary Taylor.

Entertains Schoolmates.

Olive Bush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bush, entertained several of her schoolmates at a New Year's party yesterday afternoon from 4 to 7 o'clock at her home on South Main street. Games and music were enjoyed and refreshments were served. The guests were Jessie Snoderly, Doris Kendall, Eugenia Arnold, Helen Kramer, Jean Montgomery, Alice England and Helen Gaugh.

Curfman Dinner Party.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Curfman will entertain with a family dinner tonight at their home on West Second street for Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Curfman and daughters, Helen, Mary Ruth and Gertrude, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Curfman and children, Virginia, Robert and John Horace, and Lula Mae, John, Ralph and Marguerite Curfman, children of the hosts. Miss Lula Mae Curfman will leave tomorrow night to resume her studies at the University of Colorado at Boulder after a holiday visit with her parents.

McClaren-Reutter.

Mrs. Nellie Price of Elmo announces the marriage of her sister, Miss Clara McClaren, to Dr. Garfield A. Reutter of Blanchard, Ia. The wedding took place at the parsonage of the Baptist Church in Atlantic, Ia., December 2, the Rev. Mr. Rogers officiating. Dr. and Mrs. Reutter are at home in Blanchard where the former has been practicing medicine for some time.

Read Democrat-Forum Want Ads.

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MARYVILLE, MO.

January Clearance Sale

Graham Millinery

Beauty & Art Shoppe

10% reduction on all SILK HATS.

3 GROUPS of Winter Hats: $2.00, $3.00 and $4.95

—SALE —

Starts Saturday, January 3, and lasts throughout the following week.

All finished models at ½ price.

All Gift Articles at ½ price.

10% reduction on Stamped Goods.

First Door North of Linville Hotel.

Empire Theatre

Tonight and Tomorrow

Lenore Ulric in "Tiger Rose"

10c—30c. Also Comedy.

Clears Complexion

"Oh! how clear and beautiful your complexion is today, my dear!"

THERE is a certain joy—a certain pride—in knowing you are admired, whether it be from father, brother, husband or sweetheart! And back of that joy is the satisfaction of knowing all is well.

Men are fascinated by the charms of beauty. Women gaze with envy, secretly jealous, perhaps, wondering—hoping—praying for that attractiveness which is not theirs. But why the wondering — the hoping — the praying for that craved for attractiveness—that clear skin—that beauty. A clear skin—is the barometer of one's condition. A healthy skin radiates beauty. Pure, clean blood means a clear skin.

S.S.S. is waiting to help you. It will rid your blood of its impurities and give you that clear complexion. Since 1826 S.S.S. has been ridding people of blood impurities, from pimples, from blackheads, boils, eczema and from rheumatism, too. Because S.S.S. is made from fresh herbs and barks, it may be taken with perfect safety. Try it yourself. You will not only look better, but you will feel better, too.

S.S.S. is sold at all good drug stores in two sizes. The larger size is more economical.

S.S.S. The World's Best Blood Medicine

Dr. Baker

The Eyesight Specialist of Maryville, corrects errors of vision with glasses. U. R. Next.

A NATIONAL HERITAGE

A Country of Wooden Houses

That is what foreigners sometimes call America, because wood is used so lavishly in the building of our homes.

A folder we are issuing this month shows how this too-prodigal use of wood, for many purposes besides building, has already exhausted three-fifths of the timber of the United States.

We *must* conserve our forests. And we should not overlook our personal financial resources.

This Institution helps patrons systematize and make the most profitable use of the resources at their command.

Farmers Trust Company

"MARYVILLE'S BANK OF PERSONAL SERVICE."

English Teacher Writes About Conditions in China

Miss S. Deborah Haines, a teacher in English in Peking University, has written an interesting letter to Miss Ruby Melvin of Long Beach, Cal., a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Melvin of this city. Miss Melvin and Miss Haines became acquainted in Long Beach. The letter follows:

10 Kuei Chia Chang
Peking, China.
Nov. 28, 1924.

After April 1st, 600 West 20, Oklahoma City.

My dear friends:—

Eight weeks ago the President Madison put me ashore at Shanghai. Some of you may be interested to look on the map and see where I have been thus far. Came by northern route to Yokahama arriving August 25, in port 2 days; Kobe August 26, 2 days; Shanghai August 29, 10 days; Nanking (by boat), there 6 days; Taian by rail, 4 days; out from there on 6 day country trip; Tsinan 2 days; Peking September 29. Leave February 1, '25. Then to Japan by way of Korea returning past Honolulu.

If I could only give you all the thrills that I had on arriving alone at 12:30 at night at T'aianfu! That night a big fat Chinese servant met me,—knew me because I was the only foreigner in a group of a hundred natives. He pushed an envelop to me with my name on it and motioned for me to come with him. He wore a long black robe, had a shaved head and a smiling countenance. Since he was a servant, he was too high class to carry my suitcase, so he got a coolie to do that. I gave the servant a handful of coppers to pay the coolie. He paid the coolie three (equal to about 1 cent) returning the remainder. There were at least twenty ricksha men there anxious for a chance to take us home, that they too might earn a few coppers. It was a slight struggle to take any one for the remaining ones immediately pulled at my arms if I showed the least preference for a clean ricksha, or for a strong looking man. The big fat servant settled me in one.

A moment after starting, I discovered that the big fat servant was not with me. It was as light as it might be in New York City with all the lights extinguished and in the dark of the moon. I greatly feared that I might be upset in the bottomless blackness, that I would never see the fat servant again and that the ricksha man would deposit me at the wrong abode. Soon the lights on the sides of the ricksha were lit and they sent long shadows in every direction. The servant came riding along in his own ricksha and that cheered my heart. We jogged along over dirt roads and jogged more when we struck that part of the roadway constructed out of huge rocks made irregular by age.

Soon the ricksha driver stopped and said, something that sounded like "Walla." By the dim lights, I could tell that we were beside a great wall about fourteen feet high. A huge gate seemed mysteriously to open. Inside a pale soldier stood at attention (I learned later that he was really a policeman). We entered and rode along what later proved to be the main street of the town. Here on both sides everything was boarded up, braced and bolted as tight as if the German Army were expected to descend upon the city in thirty minutes. This was not war preparation either—this was the regular custom. In front of nearly every store was a huge black dog. Frank says that these are the dogs that are accustomed to eating the meat off of dead men's bones, but I have not witnessed it. They lie curled up, lean and hungry. They paid no attention to our rickshas but if I had tried to walk down the street there would have been a big bow-wow for dogs recognize a foreigner as quickly as do the Chinese. Soon we were at the Methodist Mission where I was showed to a room much like these we have in America.

The following are sidelights on the story that I want to tell. T'aianfu is a city of three hundred thousand but is composed almost entirely of shacks like we find in small country towns in Oklahoma. Shops are used also as residence and they join one onto another. The buildings have tile or thatched roofs. Fine residences are only one story and from the outside or from the front gate one would never suspect that they are nice. The most honorable part of the house is always in the rear. Second Sidelight. Ricksha men in warm weather wear trousers but nothing above the waist line except their queue wound around their heads. Their trousers are remarkable. I shall try to bring a pair home with me for you to see. In the inland parts, nearly all men have queues and nearly all the women have bound feet. At a hospital which I visited I had the unpleasant but interesting experience of seeing one of these crippled feet with the wrappings taken off. It resembles

Sidelight. A ricksha is like our Oklahoma two wheeled carts of thirty years ago except that it has inflated rubber tires, carries only one person and a suit case, has a man to pull it and has the shafts connected in front instead of separate. Fourth Sidelight. One of my friends said that these rickshas, wheelbarrows, and chairs, used to climb mountains, were all an insult to her idea of human equality. It does seem awful to use men as beasts of burden. They pull great loads of coal, lumber and bricks through the street and over the country road. Today I saw two ten year old boys carrying dirt with baskets and shoulder pole, working as day laborers on the University grounds.

While in T'aian, I took a country trip with four missionaries, visiting Confucius' grave and temple. The temples have enormous and marvelously carved pillars in front of them. These pillars are each of one solid piece of granite. How they were produced is hard to imagine. There seems to be no idea of reverence connected with the temple. Nothing is sacred about it. I saw no one praying or offering incense in any of the many temples that I have visited. They have certain seasons for these things and this was not the right season. They have no Sabbath. One often sees a farmer's hay of his wheelbarrow in the corner of a temple, though Confucius' temples were better kept than that. However, we would not have considered them well kept. (We rode out to Confucius' grave on wheelbarrows. These have a big wagonlike wheel in the center and a flat board on either side for riding).

On this trip we five people carried with us our own bedding and food for the entire six days. We had 28 pieces of luggage. One day when our train stopped for a three hour wait, I took my turn at watching the luggage, for the natives are dreadfully curious. With me left behind, the baggage became secondary importance. They gathered close and watched how I opened my eyes with as much curiosity as we Americans watch a sleeping doll. They examined my dress. They wanted to find out where it fastened and how I got into it. It was one of the kind that slips over my head. They thought my shoes quite wonderful, as indeed they are.

Once while seated so as to avoid as many stares as possible I unfortunately turned my head quickly to the right. A curious old woman, who was examining me at the rear, had her face so near my head that when I turned, our noses lacked less than one sixteenth of an inch of touching. That scared me for an instant, and positively irritated me. I arose and shook myself like an old setting hen. She was extremely sorry and she hastened to make amends. So she offered me a puff from her long pipe. Because of my previous training and inexperience in China, I failed to recognize this as a courtesy and an extension of hospitality. I did not do her any bodily injury but this time she understood my Chinese perfectly and left me alone.

I am teaching English here in Peking University. I have one class of 18 freshmen and another with 13 sophomores. These boys are extremely polite, bright and attentive. They rise and bow in Chinese fashion when I enter. As I suspected would be the case, I am getting a great deal of profit from doing this teaching. It is helping out a little also as they are short of teachers. I expect to be here until about February 1, 1925. Next week I hope to start a Bible class with these boys, if they want it. It will give them practice in English as well as the devotional study. I think we will take up the book of Mark. Don't one of you dare to call my boys "heathens." By the way, I have discovered that we have lots of heathens at home, or else there are none over here. Education and religion seem to be the medicine needed by both.

Peking is an interesting city—many say that it is one of the most interesting in all of China. As one goes through the narrow streets always with a high grey wall on either side, one wonders if there could be any beauty here. But there are real beauty spots. There is a city wall about 80 feet high and twenty feet broad and 14 miles long entending around the city. We go upon the top of the wall to take a walk or to have a picnic. From there one can see how many pretty trees there are in the city.

The war situation is very complex and I do not pretend to understand much about it. It is the concensus of opinion that there is no danger to foreigners here and that the mortality rate is nothing compared even to our civil war. It is bad enough for families in the war zone, and for the soldiers who hate fighting. We all hope and pray that the conflict may soon cease and that those so engaged may get into more productive activity. It men are the hope of China.

While I am here in Peking, I am the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Louis E. Wolferz. We have a lovely home in every sense of the word. Mrs. Wolferz is a sister of my dear friend, Eda King Searles who died here in Peking just five years ago. It is a great inspiration to meet here old friends and to be this near to her. Were it not for Eda, I should likely never have seen China.

There is a fourth member of our household that is most important of all. Her name is Rosalie. She is four years old and sturdy and fine as can be. Last night I read her a Teddy Bear story and frequently the Teddy was supposed to growl. She put her little arm around my neck and said, "I am not afraid, are you?" as she hugged me tight.

Christmas is approaching. I am sending this out early so that you will not forget this Missionary when you are thinking about Christmas mail. Please do send me a good letter. It is the most welcome gift that I could possibly receive. Please send some love also for that comes through "duty free."

With very much Christmas love to each of you, I am,

Your sincere friend,
S. DEBORAH HAINES.

IN THE DAY'S NEWS-EVENTS SPOTLIGHT

Above: SEN. GEO. W. NORRIS & PRINCESS ILEANA
Below: A. V. ROSELL & SEN. DAVID A. REED.

Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, has introduced into the Senate a resolution directing that the Federal Trade Commission investigate an alleged "power trust," said to be making efforts to influence a decision by Congress in the Muscle Shoals fight. He has been active in his opposition to Senator Underwood's plan to have the Government lease Muscle Shoals for private operation....Word has come from Vienna that King Boris of Bulgaria, and Princess Ileana, youngest daughter of King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Roumania, are to be betrothed. Premier Alexander Zankoff, of Bulgaria, is said to be in Belgrade seeking support for the proposed royal marriage....A. V. Rosell, direct descendant of one of the Emperors of the Incas, will lead an expedition organized to search for the fabulous wealth of the ancient Indian princes in Peru. The expedition, in which Senator-Elect Hiram Bingham, of Connecticut, is said to be interested, is being organized in New York....In a speech urging the Senate not to adjourn without voicing vigorous protest against the apparent intention of the French Government to repudiate its war debt to the United States, Senator David A. Reed, of Pennsylvania, warned France "not to chill the affection of this country" by any ill-advised action. "Americans have been taxed $500,000,000 during the past five years to pay interest which the French nation has failed to pay," he said.

Mr. and Mrs. George Rasco, Sr., and son of Barnard were Maryville visitors today.

Annual Election at Christian Church

Will Be Held Sunday—Basket Dinner To Be Served At Noon—To Give Reports.

The "Annual Day" for the First Christian Church here will be held Sunday. At this time all departments of the church make their reports for the year and election of all retiring officers is held. The members are asked to bring their baskets and dinner is served at the the church about 12:30 o'clock. The morning service will consist of some of the reports and the annual sermon by the pastor. The subject of the sermon will be, "The Kind of a Church Needed for 1925." In the afternoon other reports are made and discussion of plans and programs for the ensuing year will be held.

The nominating committee for the elders and deacons to be elected consists of the non-retiring elders who are: A. L. Nash, W. C. Frank, G. B. Roseberry, A. E. Bell, and the pastor. Those whose terms expire with 1924 are the following: Elders, J. H. Todd, Alex Holt, Jonathan Stark, W. E. Goforth; deacons, G. H. Westfall, J. D. Dickerson, J. R. Brink, W. A. Miller, John Whitehead, P. R. Moore.

The officiary of the Christian church here consists of eight elders and twenty-four deacons besides the pastor. Upon the election of the new board, a portion of whom are elected each year, this board is organized with its proper officers and committees. The board officers for this past year were W. E. Goforth, president, Jonathan Stark, vice-president; A. L. Nash, financial secretary and L. M. Rilea, clerk. The official board is divided into eight committees which are: Finance, missionary, building and repairs, music, purchasing, sick and needy, ushers and publicity. The regular meetings of the board are held monthly, the first Sunday of each month.

The pastor says that he believes the reports next Sunday will show one of the best year's work in the history of the church, though the number of additions to the church are not so many as in previous years. The present pastor began his work here six years ago next May, making the longest pastorate for this church in years and perhaps in its history.

Appoints Curator.

Mrs. Retta Smithson of Graham was appointed today curator of the estates of Marie E. Smithson and Laura V. Smithson, minors, by Judge Jesse F. Robertson of the Probate Court.

Captain McClure Returns.

Capt. C. I. McClure, national guard instructor stationed in Maryville with Battery C, returned last night after spending several days with relatives and friends in Iola and Neosha Falls, Kansas.

S. H. Leary and Sam Duff of Ravenwood visited in Maryville yesterday.

Sunday Services at Baptist Church

The Rev. T. J. Puckett of Maryville will occupy the pulpit of the Baptist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The baccalaureate services for members of the mid-year graduating class of the Maryville High School will be held at the Baptist Church at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night. The Rev. R. A. Mitchell of the M. E. Church, South will deliver the sermon.

William Van Cleve Here.

William T. Van Cleve, city editor of the Moberly Monitor-Index, arrived in Maryville this morning to spend the week-end with friends.

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The only 13-plate, 80 ampere, 6 volt storage battery of any standard make selling at so low a price.

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Our service is the best. Our prices are low.
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Maryville's Ford Agents for 15 Years.

Closing Out Sale

Having decided to leave the farm, will sell at public auction at farm, 3 miles east, and one mile north of Skidmore; 10¾ miles southwest of Maryville, on

Wednesday, January 7, 1925

commencing at 10 o'clock:

4 HEAD OF MULES

2 coming 4-year-old; 2 coming 3-year-old; all in good condition, unbroke.

24 HEAD OF CATTLE

20 head coming 2-year-old steers; 4 head Shorthorn cows, to freshen soon, extra good ones.

HOGS

50 head of late summer and fall shoats.

FEED

200 bushels Iowa 103 oats, good enough for seed; also some alfalfa and clover hay in barn.

IMPLEMENTS

High wheel wagon, good box; double roller Coulter packer; 2 walking cultivators, with 4 and 6 shovel gang; stag John Deere sulky plow, 4-horse hitch, new; 2 walking plows, 14 and 16 inch; Janesville gang, 12 inch; John Deere combined for walking lister; Newton grain grader; corn planter; hand corn sheller; 2 feed bunks; 2 all-year hog waterers; 2 hog oilers; 350-egg size Buckeye incubator; 1,000-chick hard coal brooder; some large size dry mash feeders for chickens; large size all-year waterer; oat sprouter; some hedge corner posts.

Lunch by ladies of Successful Club.

TERMS—Usual.

JAMES & OWENS

R. P. Hosmer, Auct. H. W. Montgomery, Clerk.

Closing Out Sale

As I have sold my farm and am moving to town, I will sell at the farm, 3-4 miles north of Harmony church, 2 miles south of Orrsburg, on

Tuesday, January 6th

beginning at 10 o'clock, the following described property:

12 HEAD CATTLE—9 head of milk cows, Shorthorns, some with Jersey blood; 2 suckling calves; 1 yearling heifer.

3 HEAD OF HORSES—gray mare, 9 years old, in foal to jack; weight 1400; sorrel mare, 9 years old, weight 1200; smooth mouth mare, weight 1200.

10 HEAD OF HOGS—5 head of Chester White sows, to farrow in February; 5 head of gits, will farrow in February; 30 head of shoats, will weigh from 50 to 125 pounds.

FEED—20 tons of timothy and clover mixed hay in barn; 2 or 3 tons of hay in stack. 10 or 12 tons of insilage; stack of wheat straw; 100 bushels of corn in crib; 50 bushels of oats.

IMPLEMENTS—15-16 Rock Island disc; 14-inch Rock Island gang plow; 14-inch John Deere walking plow; J. I. Case riding cultivator; New Departure walking cultivator; International go-devil; 2 section harrow; high wheeled wagon; low wheel wagon with rack; set 1½ inch harness; set 1¼ harness; stock saddle and bridle; De Lavel No. 12 cream separator; One-Minute hand power washing machine; buggy; 450-bushel slat corn crib; iron pump; feed bunk; 50 hedge posts; and other articles too numerous to mention.

LUNCH BY LADIES OF HARMONY CHURCH

TERMS—$25 and under, cash. Over $25, three or four months time on bankable note at 8 per cent interest.

C. A. Hunt

CHAS. EVANS, Auct. FARMERS STATE BANK, Clerk.

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FOR SALE

LEGAL FORMS FOR SALE—the following legal forms may be had at The Democrat-Forum office: quit claim deed, house leases, deed of trust, chattel mortgage with power of sale, and general warranty deed.

FOR SALE—One tube radio set, complete at bargain. Fisher Battery Station. 8tf

New Tops and Side Curtains; door opening Curtains and winter tops. Satisfaction guaranteed. Farmers Auto Supply Co. D4-J3.

FOR SALE—Jersey cows, heifers; some fresh now, some heavy springers. Will trade for stock hogs. Joe Fogan, box 27, Reimer's Meat Market; phone Hanamo 186, Farmers 232. D21-J29

PUBLIC SALE—Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 2¾ miles southeast Ravenwood, beginning 10:30; 6 head horses; 7 milk cows; 36 head sheep from 4 years old to yearlings; Hugh Thrasher. 2*

FOR SALE—39 Head of Ewes. Call Eri Bosch, Pickering. 1-3*

FOR SALE—One floor and Stock Rack for Truck. One 22 Winchester Rifle. Call Hanamo 741½. 1-3*

FOR SALE—Canaries; male and female, singers $3.00, female $1.00. Mrs. Jack Holt, Hanamo 5346. 1-3.

MISCELLANEOUS

MONEY TO LOAN — Joint Stock Land Bank plan on farm loans. Also city and farm real estate for sale. Ed F. Wolfert. D15-J15

ROOMS for rent—modern home. 403 West First street. D2tf

FOR RENT—Three strictly first-class modern apartments. Two of them one block from business center; better get in while getting's good. Chas. Hyslop. J10-tf

MAN, energetic and reliable, wanted for factory representative to handle our business in Maryville district; unusual opportunity, with fortune for right man; experience or capital unnecessary; write fully Syncro Motors Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

CASH paid for poultry, eggs and cream at Jack Parry's Produce. 106 East 6th street. Farmers 067. D29-J29.

LOST—Crank for Oakland car. Finder leave at Clarence Hilsenbecks at Arkoe. 31-2*

LOST—A stamped lunch cloth Wednesday on sidewalk, finder please leave at Democrat-Forum office. 1-2*

HAVE CASH BUYER for good 6 or 7 room modern dwelling. Must be worth the money and west location. See me at once. C. D. Allen, 119 East Fourth. 2

Market Report

Chicago, Jan. 2.—CATTLE—Receipts 9,000.
HOGS—Receipts, 60,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 17,000.

St. Louis, Jan. 2.—CATTLE — Receipts, 500.
HOGS—Receipts, 18,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 1,000.

Kansas City, Jan. 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 1,800.
HOGS—Receipts, 8,000.
SHEEP—Receipts, 1,500.

St. Joseph, Jan. 2.—CATTLE—Receipts, 800; 10c to 15c higher.
HOGS—Receipts, 4,500; top, $10.75; steady to 10c lower.
SHEEP—Receipts, 300.

TODAY'S MARKET

Heavy Hens, lb	16c
Light hens, lb	12c
Heavy springers, lb	16c
Geese, per lb	12c
Ducks, lb	12c
Leghorn and black springs, lb	12c
Cocks, lb	7c
Butterfat, per lb	35c
Eggs, per doz	45c
Hides, per lb	7c

BANK ROBBER IS CAPTURED

POLICE SAY JOSEPH V. MAULE CONFESSES.

GET PART OF LOOT

$740 Out of $1,600 Taken From Kansas City National Bank Saturday Recovered—Searching for Others.

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 2.—Joseph V. Maule, former cashier for the Cudahy Company here, was arrested here today and has admitted, police say, that he was the brains of the $1,600 messenger holdup of the Commercial National Bank Saturday.

Immediately afterward, police started on a search for pretty Delia Mengers, 22, Oklahoma City garage man's daughter, and Frank Johnson, "diamond row" gangster of New York, as they fled the city for Oklahoma.

Switching from taxi to taxi, the girl eluded the police, but a woman answering her description and a man were taken off the train at Wichita, Kan. At Wichita, the girl gave her name as Alma Johnson, which police say is an alias of the "flapper bandit." She is also known, according to authorities, as Ruth Nations and Ruth Ashley.

Maule was arrested on a tip from a stool pigeon that he was concerned in the robbery. He quickly collapsed, police say, and took them to a place where they recovered $740 of his $800 share of the bank loot. Sixty dollars had been spent in a celebration.

Gains and Losses in Stock at St. Joseph

Cattle Show An Increase But Hogs, Mules and Horses Fell Off During Last Year.

Losses and gains were intermingled in the records set for the year 1924 in business carried on at the South St. Joseph stock yards. Sheep receipts were the largest in the history of the local market, cattle receipts gained slightly over the preceding year, while decreases were noted in arrivals of hogs and horses and mules. Total receipts of horses and mules were the lightest since 1899, a period of 25 years, indicating the further inroads that the motor car, truck and tractor is making on this once important adjunct of animal husbandry.

The final figures show that during the year, 719,832 cattle, 2,234,366 hogs, 1,088,731 sheep and 11,066 horses and mules were received at the St. Joseph yards. Compared with 1923 receipts these figures indicate a gain of 11,273 cattle, 109,243 sheep, a loss of 222,596 hogs and 4,133 horses and mules. Total carload receipts were 53,967 against 57,317 in 1923, a loss of 3,350 cars.

While the increase in cattle was comparatively small, it must be remembered that 1923 was a big year in cattle. The 1924 aggregate stands as the third largest since the present yards were built a quarter of a century ago, being exceeded only by 1918 with 869,888 head, and 1919 with 750,151 head.

No new price records were established during the year. As a matter of fact, cattle and hog prices were not on an overly high or encouraging basis and there were more or less complaint of an unprofitable years operation on the part of producers for both species of live stock. Sheep and lambs, however, sold at comparatively good prices throughout the year and in December prices on fed lambs soared to the highest plane noted since May, 1920. Compared with the cattleman and hog raiser, the sheepman, during 1924, fared most sumptuously, realizing high prices for both wool and mutton.

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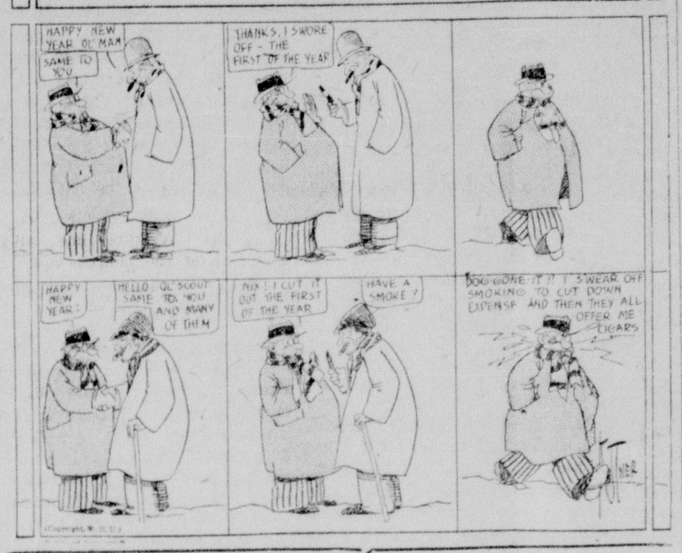
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Pickering

O. G. Null.

Mrs. C. A. Wolfers and daughter Miss Mary Wolfers, have closed their home here for the winter and went last Tuesday to Burlington Junction, where they will spend the winter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Corken. Mrs. Corken is a daughter of Mrs. Wolfers.

Geo. M. Crowson of Chicago arrived here last Saturday afternoon for a short visit with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Crowson. He drove to Burlington Junction Sunday afternoon to take a train to Chicago as he had to be back in his office Monday afternoon.

Mrs. Lester Ellis and son Dale of St. Joseph and Mrs. James Buchanan of Osawatomie, Kan., returned to their homes Wednesday evening after a week's visit at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Null and with other relatives here.

Eugene Crowson returned to Corning, Iowa, where he is employed as telegraph operator by the Burlington Railway Company, last Saturday evening after a few days visit with home folks.

The annual supper of Pickering Lodge, No. 472 A. F. & A. M., was served Wednesday evening by the wives of members of the lodge to about 75 persons in the Masonic lodge rooms.

A program was rendered by members of the company after the supper and a very enjoyable time was had by those present.

J. L. Neal is filling his ice house this week with a splendid quality of about 10 inch ice for his own use next summer.

The recent snows have been very beneficial to the wheat and pastures but very hard on "Bre'r Rabbit" as the hunters are after him early and late with dog and gun, and as a rule have been quite successful in bagging a large number of the "cotton tails."

Three or four local parties have shipped several dozen rabbits to the Chicago market this week but have not received their returns as yet so do not know how successful they have been.

The Long Branch community east of town sustained the loss of one of its oldest and best known residents last week in the passing of Joseph H. Alexander. Mr. Alexander was a genial, wholehearted man whom it was a pleasure to know and whose influence will long be felt in the community where he had spent practically his whole life.

The family has the sympathy of a host of friends in their bereavement.

I desire to express not only my own personal gratitude but the thanks of the whole family for the many expressions of sympathy and the many offers of assistance during the last illness and the death of my father George W. Null which occurred last Monday.

In our hours of sorrow our friends have been most kind and helpful to us and their assistance makes us appreciate more than we can express the communities in which we live.

M. E. Church Notes.

Services Sunday, Jan. 4th as follows:

Myrtle Tree: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Let every one come. Start the New Year right.

Our revival service will begin Monday night if the weather will permit.

Pickering: Sunday School at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.

Morning subject, "Some Things That Count."

Evening subject, "Heredity, Environment, Will—Which?"

We invite the public to any and all these services.

E. W. Croy, Pastor.

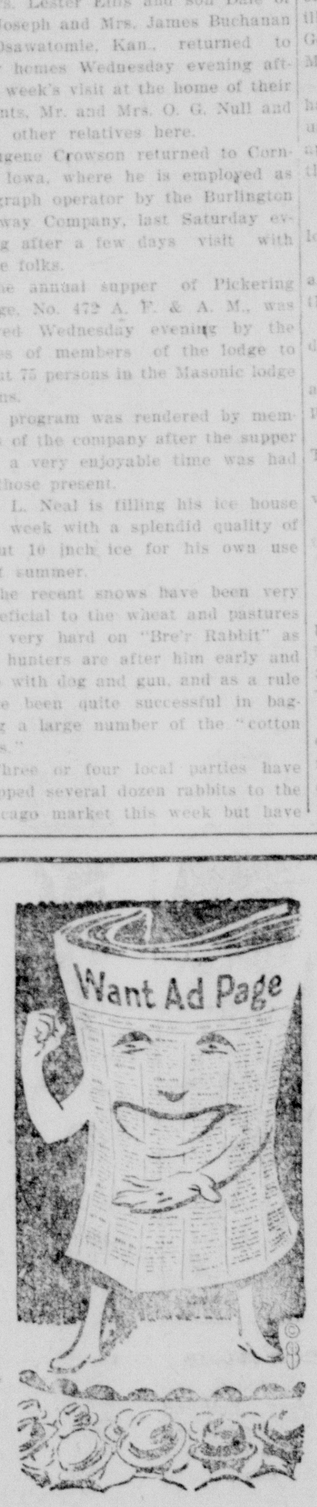
Christian Church.

Services for next Sunday, Jan. 4: Bible School and preaching in morning as usual, sermon subject, "The Original Church, Its Officers and Their Duties."

Noon: Basket Dinner in the church; 2:00 p. m., annual business meeting of the church with election of officers. No night service.

This will be a very important day, and it is especially urged that every member of the church be present. Come, bring your dinner, and stay all day for a great fellowship.

All who desire "The Pickering Messenger" for one year at a subscription price of 50 cents, see the pastor or telephone your name at once. This is for everybody in the community who wants it.



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Funston to Try Cleanup In Schenectady

Captain William H. Funston, of the New York Police Department admittedly one of the cleverest sleuths in the country, has been granted a thirty-days' leave of absence to reorganize the Police Department of Schenectady, N. Y., where vice has been rampant, according to Mayor W. W. Campbell. The murder of Captain Albert L. Youmans after he had been threatened by an alleged vice ring proved a climax and started city officials on a hunt for a man who might prove Schenectady's General Butler.

Society

Bosch Dinner Guests.

The New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bosch yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. George Barton and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Noland and daughter, Alice Louise.

Watch Party.

A wathe party to usher in the new year was held by a group of eleven young women Wednesday night. A movie party at the Electric Theater was followed by refreshments at the Maryville Drug Store with Miss Leola Miller as hostess. A radio program later wa senjoyed at the home of Misses Florence and Katherine Wray on West Thompson street. After midnight the party was entertained at a slumber party and breakfast at the home of Miss Virginia Dean. The group included Misses Katheryn Chandler, Winifred Baker, Edwyna Forsyth, Virginia Tulloch, Virginia Curnutt, Florence Wray, Katherine Wray, Leola Miller, Virginia Dean, Lucile Snyder and Frances Remus.

Hawaiians Like Macaroni

Macaroni is eaten in Hawaii by all peoples. The Japanese like it best, but the Filipinos, the Chinese, the Koreans and the Portuguese like it, too, and it is becoming steadily more popular.

The process of making noodles, vermicelli and macaroni is interesting. They all contain exactly the same thing and are made out of the same dough, says the Detroit News. They get their name from their size. Constituents are simply salt water and wheat flour.

Weathervane Warning

A weathervane, depicting a former rector preaching to pews emptied by his fault-finding, stands over the deanery at Sonning, Berks.—London Answers.

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GIVES RULES FOR CONTEST

FIRST LOCAL SPELLING CONTESTS JANUARY 17.

PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN

Conductor of Each Contest Will Select Two Judges, One for Each Division or Class.

The rules for the Nodaway County spelling contest have been drawn up by Leslie G. Somerville, county superintendent of schools, and are announced today. The words have been selected and are ready to be sent out to the conductors of the contests in each district. The winners of the contest in each district will come to Maryville for the county contest to be held here January 24. First and second place in each will be eligible to compete in the county contest. All of the local contests are to be held on January 17, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning and continued until winners are selected.

Mr. Somerville announces that prizes will be awarded in the local contest. A gold pencil will be awarded to each winner of first place in classes "A" and "B." In the county contests a gold medal will be awarded to the winner of first place.

Other rules which have been outlined by Mr. Somerville for the spelling contests are as follows:

Local superintendent or principal to have charge of contest and will hereafter be designed as "conductor."

Conductor will select at least two judges, one for each division or class in the contest. These judges will pass upon all questions that come up in the contest.

Each contestant must be given a number in the beginning of the contest. This number is placed on each word list prepared by the pupil.

Assisting teachers will check the word lists, but no teacher should check their own pupils papers. This can be arranged by the party conducting the contest.

When a word is found misspelled, a check mark should be placed after the word and the paper should be handed to the judge of the class to which the pupil belongs, who decides whether or not the word has been missed.

After all papers have been checked, the conductor calls out the number of those who have missed and they give up their places in the contest.

The question of dotting i's and crossing t's and o's and a's, etc., may come up, according to the county superintendent. If these questions arise the conductor should take the paper to the contestant and warn him of the peculiar error and then hand the paper to the judge of his class who will keep it for further reference. If the same offense happens the second time, the contestant should be counted out.

The following procedure is recommended by Mr. Somerville to the conductors of the contests:

1. Give a list of twenty words for "limbering up" exercises. This list should be thrown aside when finished and not counted against the contestant.

2. A regular list of fifty words should be given and papers collected. These papers should be handed to the teachers who are assisting in the contest, for checking. Those who miss words are eliminated before the next list is given. Continue in this way until ten words lists are finished, then increase the word list to one hundred words.

Continue with word lists until only one pupil remains who will be the winner of the contest. Should all be eliminated on any one word lists should be given to those that tie. Winners of either class always to be determined by those who remain in the contest longest.

Both local and county contests shall be written.

Words may be pronounced twice to be sure contestant understands.

Where a word has the same pronunciation as another word, the conductor should give the word's use.

The conductor will certify to the county superintendent the names of those winning first and second place in each class.

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To help neutralize these irritating acids, to help cleanse the kidneys and flush off the body's urinous waste, get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here. Take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days, and your kidneys may then be fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys; also to neutralize the acids in the system so they no longer irritate, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; can not injure and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink. By all means have your physician examine your kidneys at least once a year.

Received Blows in Lieu of Wedding Gifts

Mrs. Nina Nedorovitz, pretty Russian girl, married Ignatz Nedorovitz, a New York furrier, to escape deportation as an alien and because she believed him a man of wealth, she declared in her suit for divorce in San Francisco. Instead of promised gifts she received beatings, the first on her wedding day, she told a Judge. The divorce was granted.

Ship Hogs to St. Joseph.

From Nodaway County Frank Goslee & Co., Larkin & Caldwell and Ham & Medsker had in shipments of hogs on the St. Joseph market yesterday.—St. Joseph Stock Yards Journal.

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Sports

GIRLS PLAY PRELIMINARY

DOUBLE-HEADER COURT CARD AT H. S. TONIGHT.

GIRLS SCHEDULE OUT

To Play Eleven Games—Line-ups for Boys and Girls Teams Tonight are Announced.

H. S. Girls' Schedule.

Jan. 2—First team vs. second team.
Jan. 10—Savannah, here.
Jan. 17—To be filled.
Jan. 23—Trenton, there.
Jan. 30—College Springs, Ia., here.
Feb. 6—Bethany, here.
Feb. 13—Trenton, here.
Feb. 17—Creston, Ia., here.
Feb. 20.—Savannah, there.
Feb. 27—Rosendale, there.
March 6—Rosendale, here.

The girls' team will enter the Northwest Missouri High School tournament at the College, which will take place in March.

The High School girls' basketball team will open the 1925 cage season with a game on the local court tonight when the first team will play the second girls' team, Miss Ruth Bookman, coach, announced this noon. This will be a preliminary game for the card tonight at the high school gymnasium and will commence at 7:15 o'clock. Sam Dubin, who will referee the boys' game, Spoofhounds against Tarkio, will also referee the girls' game.

Miss Bookman has announced this line-ups of the two teams that will play tonight as follows:

The personnel of the first girls' team: Leola Miller, jumping center; Henrietta Hildreth, running center; Beatrice Puckett, captain, forward and Elsie Wright, forward; Ruth England and Leola Smith, guards.

The members of the second team that will oppose the first team tonight:

Mary Todd, jumping center; Lucile Snyder, running center; Katherine Wray and Charmion Murray, forwards; Virginia Dean, captain, and Florence Wray, guards.

The schedule for the girls' team this season has been nearly completed, all for the exception of one date, January 17, and that will be booked soon, Miss Bookman said today. The schedule will include eleven games when completed, including the game tonight.

The games to be played here are Savannah, College Springs, Bethany, Trenton, Creston, Ia., and Rosendale. Double-headers will be played at the High School gymnasium when College Springs and Creston will bring both boys' and girls' teams and also the date of the Bethany game, at which time Lafayette High School quint of St. Joseph will be here to play the Spoofhounds.

Coach Harold G. Ebert, announced this noon that his starting line-up tonight against Tarkio will be P. Kissinger, center; Roelofson and Wright, forwards; Captain Cockayne and Yeary at guard.

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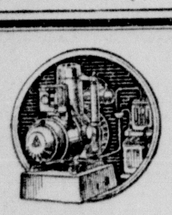

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California U. Beats Quaker Team 14 to 0

Southern Methodist University Goes Down Before West Virginia Wesleyans Yesterday 7 to 9

Besides the Notre Dame-Stanford game yesterday there were also two other intersection football games played New Year's day.

The University of Pennsylvania traveled to Berkeley, Calif., and met defeat at the hands of the University of California. The score was 14 to 0 in favor of the Bears. Fifty thousand witnessed the game, about the same number or perhaps a little less than saw the Irish beat Leland Stanford.

For the first time in two years the Southern Methodist University of Dallas, Tex., was defeated yesterday losing to West Virginia Wesleyans at Dallas. The West Virginians won 9 to 7.

Spoofhounds Hope to Defeat Tarkio

Coach Ebert Tells the Student Body —Maryville girls in Curtain Raiser Game at 7:15 o'Clock.

"We hope to win tonight but we do not say that we will win because we do not know the strength of our opponents," said Harold G. Ebert, coach of the Maryville High School basketball team. Mr. Ebert made this statement in addressing a pep assembly held at the High School this morning to create pep for the Tarkio game which is tonight.

The assembly was in charge of the yell leaders, Donald Aley, Forrest Howland, and Irene Blagg. Yells were given by the student body and plans were made to have a big student turnout at the initial game with the Tarks.

Tarkio is an ancient rival of the Spoofhounds and should give the Green and Black team a battle that will test the power of the 1925 quintet. The Tarkio team, according to Coach Ebert, has played several games and are consequently more experienced than are the Spoofhounds.

"The Maryville team will be fighting to the last whistle and deserves the support of the student body at this game," concluded Coach Ebert.

The Maryville High School girls' basketball team will fight among themselves tonight, due to the cancelling of the game which was scheduled by the Tarkio sextet. The first team will engage the second team and the Maryville fans will have a good opportunity to see the Maryville teams in action on the local court. The game starts at 7:15 o'clock.

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SPORT CHATTER.

As it nears the time for the College to again assume the aspect of a busy be-hive, fans are beginning to wonder just what Coach Lawrence is going to have in the way of a basketball team. The coach himself is noncommunicative. About all he will say is that a surprise is in store for some one or two persons and this leads one to believe that the work of some of the men is not at all pleasing to the Bearcat instructor. Come on gang, let's get that old fighting spirit that the football men had.

No one knows of all the trouble that is necessary for the College to get in practice on a decent court. As the high School court is occupied at all hours during the day, it is necessary that the Bearcats do their practicing after supper. Asked if he favored night practice, Lawrence was emphatic in his condemnation of it, but said that it was the only thing left for him to do. Each night the men are compelled to carry their suits back and forth to practice as well as all the balls and other material necessary to a practice of about fifteen men. It's hard, boys, but nothing good ever comes free. The man who would amount to something in athletics must be willing to sacrifice a great many things that the boys who never do anything for the old school, can have. It's worth it in the end.

From Sheridan comes one Frank Crane, last year a member of Lawrence's squad, and this year being instructed in the art of playing center. He is not entirely accustomed to the place as yet, but is learning fast. Lawrence says he is making the most improvement of any of the men. Last year Lawrence worked him as relief for Captain Kirby, back guard. Crane's eye for the basket is good, and if he would just cut loose and do it, Lawrence says he will make the first five. Here is hoping he will help carry the burden at least until his fellow townsman, Aldrich returns.

Aldrich is not back for the vacation instruction. However, he intends to be back in the game by the first of February, and remembering the fine determination with which Aldrich was wont to charge up and down the floor either taking the ball away from the opposition or else starting an offensive rally, here is one who believes that if he intends being back in the game, he will be there.

The Hillyard game in which Aldrich suffered his broken collar bone, also gave little "Doc" Pierpoint a bad elbow. However, "Doc" has been sticking to practice and right now looks as if he will make the first five. The elbow gets a knock in scrimmage every once in a while but he keeps going. He is fast, shifty and clever and shows much improvement over last year.

One wonders if professional basketball will go the way that professional football and baseball seem to be going. There is no doubt that the pro football man and the league baseball man as a rule has none of that fine sportsmanship that is paramount in college athletics. Let us hope that it will not. In spite of the fact that most of the pro basketball teams are made up of former University stars, it seems that it does not take long for them to forget the little fine points of sportsmanship in the all absorbing desire to win. There is no doubt that a man playing for money cannot play with the same ideal in mind as when he plays for his Alma Mater.

The High School Spoofhounds are again hard at work under the direction of Coach Ebert. The human hairpin, "Fox" Kissinger, is still in possession of his seven league boots and is dropping them in from all angles of the court. He seems to be greatly worried about the opposing centers out-jumping him, and has asked Ebert to please lower the backboards as he is afraid that he can't get the ball up to the basket.

Ebert is going to have a bunch of scrappers and they show every indication of being developed into a good machine. We predict a victory in their opening engagement.

Coach Lawrence's squad is at present composed of the following men: Denton Peoples, forward of Skidmore; Gordon Joy, guard, Ravenwood; Forrest Smith, guard, Pickering; Frank Crane, center and forward, Sheridan; "Doc" Pierpoint, forward, Skidmore; Ray Houston, forward, Pickering; Russell Culp, guard and Ray Bloomfield, center of New Hampton; Cartwright, guard, Maitland; Morris Chick, forward, and Vodre Willoughby, guard, Maryville.

Middle West Football Is Superior to West

Notre Dame Defeats the Heavier Leland Stanford Team by a Score of 27 to 10 Yesterday

In an intersectional football clash at the Rose Bowl, Pasadena, Cal., yesterday the undefeated Notre Dame team defeated the Leland Stanford University aggregation by a score of 27 to 10.

Leland Stanford scored first by the place kick route, Knute Rokene, soon sent in his "four horsemen," and the scenes changed. The four horsemen advanced the ball down the field seventy yards for a touchdown. During the game the Notre Dame backfield men intercepted two of the Stanford's passes and raced for touchdowns and one scooped up a fumble and ran for another touchdown. The Stanford's one touchdown came indirectly from the results of a forward pass.

In the beginning of the fourth quarter Glenn Warner's team, champions of the Pacific Coast, advanced the ball to within six inches of the goal line by line plunges but here the Irish were staunch and held.

The statistics of the game show that Notre Dame was superior in punting and relied on speed and unusual football sense against the heavier coast team. Leland Stanford gained more yardage by the forward pass route, but it proved disastrous in the effect that the Rockne men were able to counter attack the movements and gained two touchdowns by intercepting the ball.

4,000 Acres Bought by Game Department

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Jan. 2.—The state fish and game department has purchased another tract, consisting of 4,000 acres, on which is located Big Springs one of the largest springs in the Ozarks. It was learned yesterday. The land is about three and one-half miles south of Van Buren, Carter county, and was purchased at $4 an acre. The deal, however, is held up by the temporary injunction brought against the purchase of state parks.

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